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REDS WARN NEUTRALS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Mar. 29 (UP).—"Some of our neighbours are playing with fire."

"We see no reason for any deterioration in our relations with them, but developments, particularly in Syria, are suspicious."

This warning was issued by M. Molotoff, the U.S.S.R. Foreign Commissar, in a speech before the Supreme Council to-day.

\$3,520,936

Surplus

For 1939

Hongkong Has A Record Year

IN the face of war raging on two continents, the Hongkong Government during 1939 was able to convert a budgeted estimated deficit of \$2,500,000 into an actual surplus of \$3,520,936, making a complete turnover so far as the estimates were concerned for the year of over \$6,000,000.

The Government finished the year in the happy position of increasing the estimated revenue \$5,220,451, whereas expenditure exceeded the estimate only by \$101,000.

Incidentally the 1939 revenue exceeded the 1938 figure by \$4,742,190, but the expenditure was only \$713,218 in excess of the 1938 aggregate. On the revenue side, every head, save the Kowloon-Canton Railway and interest showed increases over the 1938 figures. Duties yielded \$11,150,449 as against \$9,105,121; Licences and other internal revenue brought in \$10,454,986 compared with \$15,093,020; Post Office increased from \$2,418,028 in 1938 to \$3,120,758; rent of Government property, land and houses amounted to \$2,044,100 as against \$1,899,215; Land Sales totalled \$2,139,818 compared with \$1,109,510, although the 1939 figure included \$939,704 from the Government House and City Development Fund. Without this the land sales for 1939 were just about equivalent to those of the previous year.

Charity Costs Up

Biggest increase on the expenditure side for the year was for charitable services which aggregated \$1,163,542, compared with \$460,329 in 1938. Expenses for the Colonial Secretary's Office and Legislature was also increased by \$200,000, while outlay on Hongkong defence, excluding the military contribution to the Imperial Government, increased from \$329,903 in 1938 to \$1,543,244 last year. This expenditure included \$840,356 for A.R.P.

One or two heads showed reductions, the most important being for the Kowloon-Canton Railway, which expended only \$727,087 last year compared with \$1,163,014 in 1938. Miscellaneous Services also decreased from \$3,040,662 to \$1,639,825.

NO HOPES OF PEACE

Roosevelt Abandons His Optimism

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, March 29 (UP).—President Roosevelt has apparently abandoned all hopes of an early peace in Europe.

He admitted to-day after his conference with Mr. Sumner Welles, that hopes for a just and lasting peace were very scant.

Mr. Welles' information may, however, prove of value when the time does come to talk peace.

"But the immediate situation is unfavourable to any move," he said.

MOSCOW, Mar. 29 (Reuters).—A session of the Federal Council of the Supreme Soviet ended at 11.42 a.m. (GMT) and a joint session of the Federal and National Council will be held at 4 p.m. (GMT) presumably for the hearing of a speech by M. Molotov.

The Soviet Union, said M. Molotov, did not recognise the seizure by Rumania of Bessarabia, but neither had the Soviet ever used force in demanding its return.

ALLIES CHARGED

"But we have not abandoned our full freedom of action in international affairs," M. Molotov said.

He charged Great Britain and France with attempting to spread the European War to Russia, and strongly warned the Scandinavian countries against concluding any defensive alliance which, he averred, could only be based on "ideological and military revenge against the Soviet Union."

Russia, he declared, would oppose any such alliance, and would consider participation by Sweden or Norway as abandonment by these countries of their neutrality.

WILL STAY NEUTRAL

M. MOLOTOFF REAFFIRMED RUSSIA'S NEUTRALITY IN THE WAR BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE ALLIES.

"Our object is to secure peace among our people and the safety of our borders. We stand for neutrality and will not participate in any big war."

The Finnish War, said M. Molotov, was produced by foreign imperialists.

"This was evidenced by the thousands of fortifications of the Mannerheim Line, which was built with foreign help and was a 'spring board for third Powers to attack Russia.'"

The Allies, M. Molotov charged, were seeking a pretext to involve Russia in the war.

The British seizure of Russian ships in the Pacific and the American "moral embargo" were cited as examples of the deterioration of Russian relations with the Democracies.

"England and France are seeking an artificial pretext to extend hostilities to the Soviet Union."

"They may use the pretext that the Soviet Union is helping Germany in the European War."

"But we stand for neutrality."

Service To Be Voluntary

No Dragooning Of S. Africans To Colours

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 29 (Reuters).—An official communiqué issued here to-day states that all serving members of the South African permanent force, the constabulary and the active citizen force will be invited to complete a new attestation form undertaking to serve in Africa whether inside or outside the Union of South Africa for the duration of the war.

All officers will be invited to take a new form of the oath embodying the same undertaking.

Must Give Undertaking

No man henceforth will be allowed to join the Union defence forces, either in a whole-time capacity or on a normal part-time capacity, or the citizen force on the same basis unless he is prepared to give such an undertaking.

This decision is in accordance with a policy recently announced by General Smuts, the Prime Minister, that no South African in the present circumstances can be commanded for service in the north.

The defence department expects that now the position regarding service outside South Africa has been made clear there will be no lack of volunteers for the Union Defence Forces.

Mr. E. L. Jones has been appointed to act as Senior Surveyor of Ships during the absence on leave of Mr. T. E. Jackson.

NAZI WAR REPORT

Admit Loss Of Plane In Attack On Convoy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 29 (UP).—The following is the text of the D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) report covering Nazi war activities for to-day:

Attack On Convoy

"Despite extensive activity of scout patrols there were no important engagements on the Western Front to-day."

"German fighting planes successfully attacked a British convoy near the Shetlands in the most unfavourable weather conditions. The pilots' vision was greatly obscured by rain-fall and walls of fog, and the attack was made additionally difficult by strong counterwinds across the course of flight."

"After dispersing the convoy the German planes dived into the smaller units and attacked individual vessels. Heavy counter fire was opened from planes accompanying the convoy and armed merchantmen."

Two Planes Lost

"By skillfully taking advantage of the darkness all our fighting planes returned safely but one of our reconnaissance planes was shot down off the north coast of Scotland by British pursuit planes."

"Another German reconnaissance plane returning from France has also failed to reach home."

"The British tanker Daghestan (8,750 tons) and the British tanker Rossington Court (6,928 tons) have been sunk in the North Sea."

"The British steamer Castle Moor is now long overdue in England."

Planes Over Denmark

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ESBJERG, Mar. 29 (UP).—Eight foreign planes of unknown nationality flew over Esbjerg harbour at 4 p.m. to-day, drawing A.A. fire.

Defence Reserve Appointments

According to an announcement in the "Government Gazette" to-day, Ernest William Westwood has been enrolled in the A Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve, while Robert Archibald Boyd has been reassigned from the general group to Essential Services to the combatant group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

ROYAL SCOTS TAKE OVER WESTERN FRONT SECTOR



FIRST PHOTOGRAPH received in Hongkong of the Royal Scots (the Second Battalion of which is in Hongkong) in the trenches on the Western Front. This official photograph shows a Bren gun section doing duty at an advanced post of the front line. At the first sign of enemy activity it will be their duty to open fire and send a message to the front-line trench behind them. The non-commissioned officer on the left is pointing out a part of the enemy positions that must be carefully watched.

JAPANESE DEMANDS RUMOURED

Startling Reports From Macao

RUMOURS were current in Hongkong this morning that the Japanese military authorities have made six demands on the Portuguese authorities in Macao.

Although the "Telegraph" has cabled its Correspondent in Macao for details, no information was forthcoming as this Edition went to Press.

From sources in Hongkong which are stated to be closely connected with the Chinese Government, the "Telegraph" is informed that the following demands have been made by the Japanese:

1.—Evacuation of Portuguese troops from Wansai and Lappa Island, over which Macao claims jurisdiction.

2.—Recognition of puppet administration in Chunshan District.

3.—Closure of Chinese Maritime Customs office in Portuguese territory.

4.—Permission for Japanese gun-darmie to conduct house-to-house searches for anti-Japanese elements in certain Portuguese areas if deemed necessary.

It is additionally claimed that the Japanese have made certain demands regarding gaming concessions in Macao and the restrictions against exchange of Japanese money.

It is emphasised here that no official or semi-official confirmation can be obtained of this report.

Chingshan Occupied.

The Japanese are reported to have extended their operations along the Portuguese frontier area by occupying the Chinese Maritime Customs station at Chingshan. This station was closed by the C.M.C. authorities some time ago.

The "Telegraph" has been able to confirm the Japanese occupation of Chingshan.

It is understood that most of the C.M.C. stations in the Chingshan area and around Macao have already been closed in anticipation of an extension of Japanese activities.

Japanese Uninformed

The Japanese consular authorities in Hongkong are uninformed of any developments of the nature outlined above.

An official told the "Telegraph": "We do not believe there is any truth in the report. From information in our possession it does not seem likely that any demands of that nature have been made on Macao."

There is no Japanese consular office in Macao, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Japanese Consulate General in Hongkong.

The "Telegraph" understands, however, that a Japanese Vice Consul was despatched to Macao from Canton when Japanese forces first approached the border in order to be "on the spot" in the event of any trouble.

SOVIET ADMITS BIG LOSSES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, March 29 (UP).—The frank admission that Russian casualties in the war with Finland almost reached a quarter of a million was made by M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, to-day.

Russian losses were 48,795 killed and 158,863 wounded, according to the Russian estimate.

M. Molotov admitted that the Finnish casualties were only slightly higher. He placed them at 60,000 killed and 250,000 wounded.

AMERICANS BLAMED

Bitter Nazi Attack In New White Book

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 29 (UP).—Remarkable allegations to the effect that the United States was one of the chief countries responsible for the outbreak of war in Europe are contained in a White Book issued by the German Government to-day.

The White Book purports to be based on documents seized from the Polish archives when the Germans entered Warsaw.

"These documents clearly show the role the United States played in starting the war," the White Book declares.

It cites sixteen documents seized from the Polish archives.

One, dated November 21, 1938, quotes Colonel Beck as reporting that Mr. Bullitt, the U.S. Ambassador, "expressed himself regarding Germany and Hitler with the greatest of vehemence and very strong hatred."

The U.S. Ambassador is reported to have informed Colonel Beck, then Polish Foreign Minister, that only the might of Britain and France could "halt Germany's mad expansion in the future."

Mr. Bullitt is reported to have said that the Democracies desired to involve Germany in a weakening war with Russia. When Germany had become sufficiently weakened by such a war, the democracies would attack her and force capitulation.

President Roosevelt is bitterly mentioned in the White Book.

It is understood that he returned to Canton some two or three days ago.

"So far as we know, there has been no exchange of views between the Macanese authorities and the Japanese regarding Japanese operations in the vicinity of the Macao frontier," a Japanese official told the "Telegraph" this morning.

Lewis Guns Beat Off Nazi Attacks

AERIAL TORPEDOES MISS THEIR MARKS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 29 (UP).—How an Aberdeen trawler, the 216-ton Inverness, escaped four bombs and an aerial torpedo dropped by a Nazi plane off the north-east coast of Scotland on Thursday night, and in turn drove off the plane with its Lewis Gun has just been disclosed.

It is stated that all four bombs and the aerial torpedo missed their mark, after which the German plane turned its machine-guns on the small craft.

The trawler replied with 250 rounds from her Lewis gun, forcing the plane to flee.

The trawler's Mate, John Caw, was wounded in the arm during the encounter, and the Chief Engineer reported that the ship was shaken by the explosion of the aerial torpedo.

He said the attack lasted about twenty minutes.

Norwegian Ship Sunk.

It is revealed that the Norwegian steamer Burgos (3,220 tons) was sunk off the east coast of England yesterday.

Thirty-two members of the crew have been landed at a southeast port, ten of them suffering from shock. They have been sent to hospital.

It is also belatedly reported that the British steamer Daghestan (5,742 tons) was torpedoed in the North Sea last Sunday. The Daghestan, built in 1921, was owned by the Hindustan Steam Shipping Company.

Sinks After Collision.

British shipping suffered a further loss on March 13, according to an official announcement, which says that the Rossington Court (6,928 tons) sank in mid-Atlantic after a collision with an unnamed British tanker.

The Rossington Court was built at Glasgow in 1920 and was owned by the Court Line, Ltd.

How Aerial Torpedoes Work.

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuters).—An account of how the Nazi aerial torpedoes work was given by the master of the David M., a small British coastal ship, which reached port on Thursday.

The David M., in company with another small ship, was attacked by three German planes.

The planes banked and something dropped into the sea. The master of the David M. thought it was a bomb but saw a track coming through the water towards him.

Three Torpedoes All Miss.

It passed between the two ships and hit the shore where it exploded. The plane dropped another torpedo, but the master of the ship had its direction and speed so he swung the helm of his ship over and avoided the torpedo.

A third torpedo was then dropped but it also had no effect.

The ship's defence gun then went into action. It is thought that the plane was hit just before the Nazis flew away.

Six Days Adrift.

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuters).—It is now learned that the submarine which picked up the crew of a Dutch plane was hit just before the Nazis flew away.

NORTH SEA "BATTLE"

Nazis Not Willing Nor Ready To Fight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, March 29 (UP).—A spokesman of the Danish Foreign Office to-day described as foundationless the rumours circulated during the last 24 hours that the German fleet has left its base, and is steaming north to battle with the British.

Information from other reliable sources also tends to disprove the rumours.

Not Ready To Fight.

Naval authorities here are of the opinion that the comparative smallness of the German fleet almost precludes the possibility of the German Naval Command being willing, at present, to face an open large scale sea battle with the British.

Reliable quarters on Romoe Island and the northwest coast of Jutland say they have seen no naval activity, and it is also pointed out that anyone on the west coast of Jutland, south of Ringkobing, would be unable to see such a movement on account of the large German and British mine-fleets.

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LATEST

GERMAN CONSUL HELD IN TOKYO

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 30 (Dated).—Dr. Wilhelm Plage, whose activities as Copyright Broker have been under investigation for some time, was questioned at the Metropolitan Police Board yesterday.

Dr. Plage opened an office in Tokyo in 1932, employing several Japanese professors as translators. Dr. Plage himself has a fluent knowledge of the Japanese language.

So far investigations have been concerned with Dr. Plage's views regarding the new Copyright Law and with the reasons for his establishment of an office in Mukden.

The nature of any possible charges to be made against Dr. Plage will be determined after further investigation.

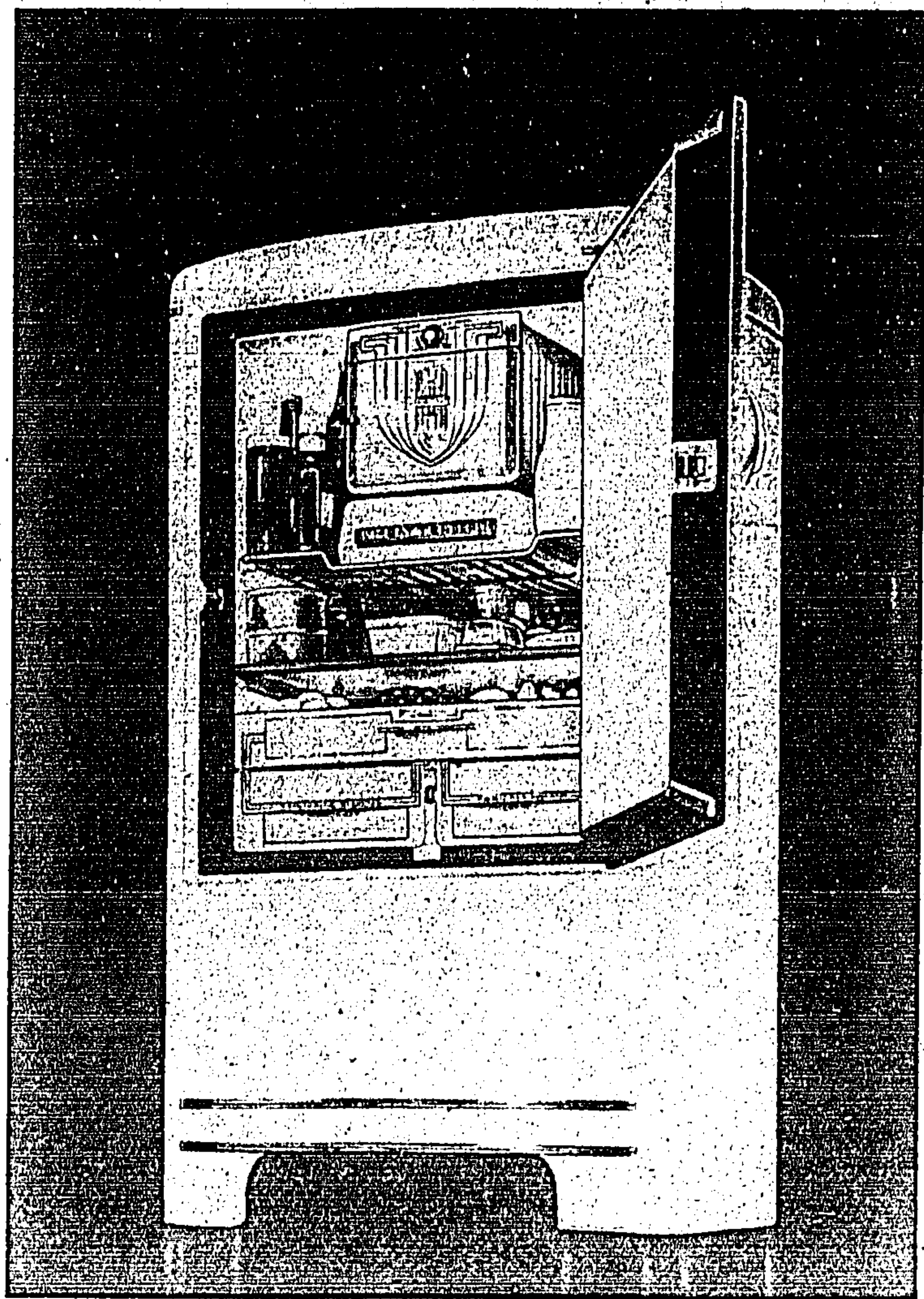
Dr. Plage came to Japan about 30 years ago, as German Vice-Consul. After his resignation from the German Foreign Service he started his copyright brokerage business.

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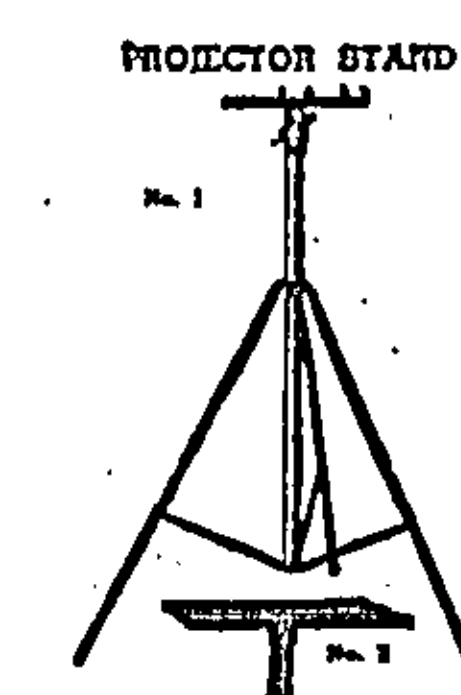
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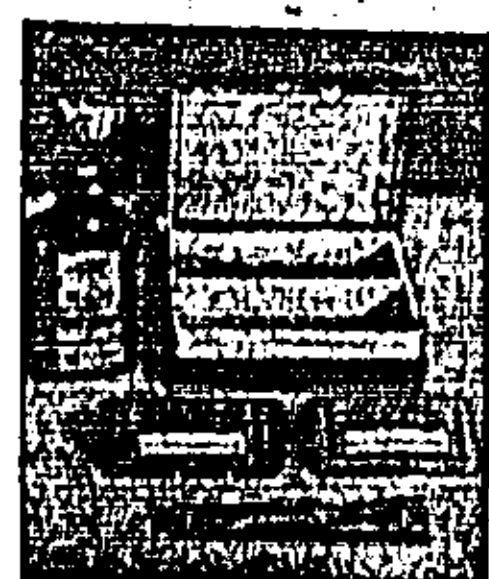


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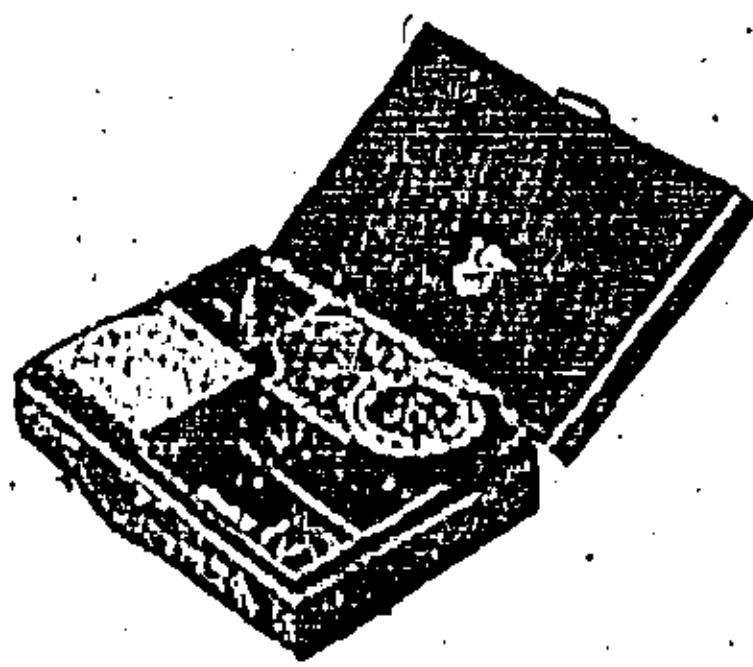
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1890.
We are informed that the Hon. C. P. Chater, Mr. David Giles and Mr. H. M. Moody, intend subscribing \$5,000 each towards paying the expenses of the new wing now being added to the Masonic Hall. The new Hall is to be named after the Duke of Connaught. Should any surplus remain after all expenses have been paid the balance of the "awespaake" will go to the "Masonic Charity Fund."

25 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1915.
Reuters' correspondent at Rome states that a great National Congress was held to-day in favour of intervention in the war. Delegates from the provinces attended, and also several of the Garibaldi family, who were given an ovation, and many legislators. The Congress passed a resolution calling on the Government to attain Italy's national aspirations.

The weekly report by the Admiralty confirms the futility of the submarine blockade. The arrivals and sailings at and from British ports totalled 1,450, only three vessels being sunk.

A German aeroplane showered about 500 darts on the Norwegian steamer Diana in the North Sea. Many struck the decks. The crew sheltered and none were hurt.

10 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1930.
Congratulating the force on another year of good work, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) at the annual inspection of the Hongkong Police Force yesterday, commented on the successful way in which Communism had been kept in check in the Colony. Assting the Inspector General of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. G. Wolfe, C.M.G.), in command of the respective sections were the Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. T. H. King) and the following officers: Mr. W. R. Scott, A.S.P., Mr. D. Burlingham, Divisional Superintendent (Kowloon), Mr. W. J. Hart Sparrow, A.S.P., and Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P. Other officers on parade were the two Indian A.S.P.s, Mohinder Singh and Nawal Khan and Chief Inspector P. Grant.

5 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1935.
M. Litvinoff declared that the friendliest Anglo-Russian relations were essential for the preservation of peace. Referring to the arising of "the serious and alarming impediments to the preservation of normal and peaceful international order," he said the overwhelming majority of states which at present were profoundly anxious for the preservation of peace. M. Litvinoff believed, he said, that Anglo-Russian co-operation was decisively important in the cause of peace, and Mr. Eden's visit was not merely the beginning of such co-operation but a pledge of its continuance.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Report issued yesterday says: Since the Easter break the market has suffered some neglect with prices drifting idly. At the same time holders are not attracted by to-day's bids, thus the volume of dealings becomes restricted. As mentioned yesterday Hongkong Banks and Unions have provided good exceptions to this state of things.

Weekly Report: Business Done During the Week

Hongkong Bank	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Union Ins.	\$505	\$510	
Docks	\$22	cum. div. \$22	
Providence	\$3.20		
Tramways	\$17.65	\$17.65	
China Lights (Old)	\$3.20	\$3.20	
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Electricity ex. div.	\$3.20	\$3.20	
Telephones (Old)	\$3.20	\$3.20	
Telephones (New)	\$11.50	\$11.50	
Cementa	\$10.14		
Ropes	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Dairy Farms (Old) ex. div.	\$21.14	\$21.14	
Watsons	\$10.15		
Govt. Loan 1931	\$10.15		
Buyers			
Union Ins.	\$505		
Fire Ins.	\$100		
Wharves	\$107		
Docks	\$21.14		
Railways	\$21.14		
H. & S. Hotels	\$5.20		
China Lights (Old)	\$3.10		
China Lights (New)	\$3.25		
Cementa	\$10.14		
Ropes	\$5.00		
Dairy Farms	\$21.14		
Watsons	\$10.14		
Sellers			
Fire Ins.	\$105		
Docks	\$22		
Providence	\$4.70		
Tramways	\$17.65		
Telephones (New)	\$11.50		
Watsons	\$11		
H.K. Bank	\$1,400.00		
Union Ins.	\$510		
Fire Ins.	\$105		
Telephones (Old)	\$20.14		
Ropes	\$5.00		

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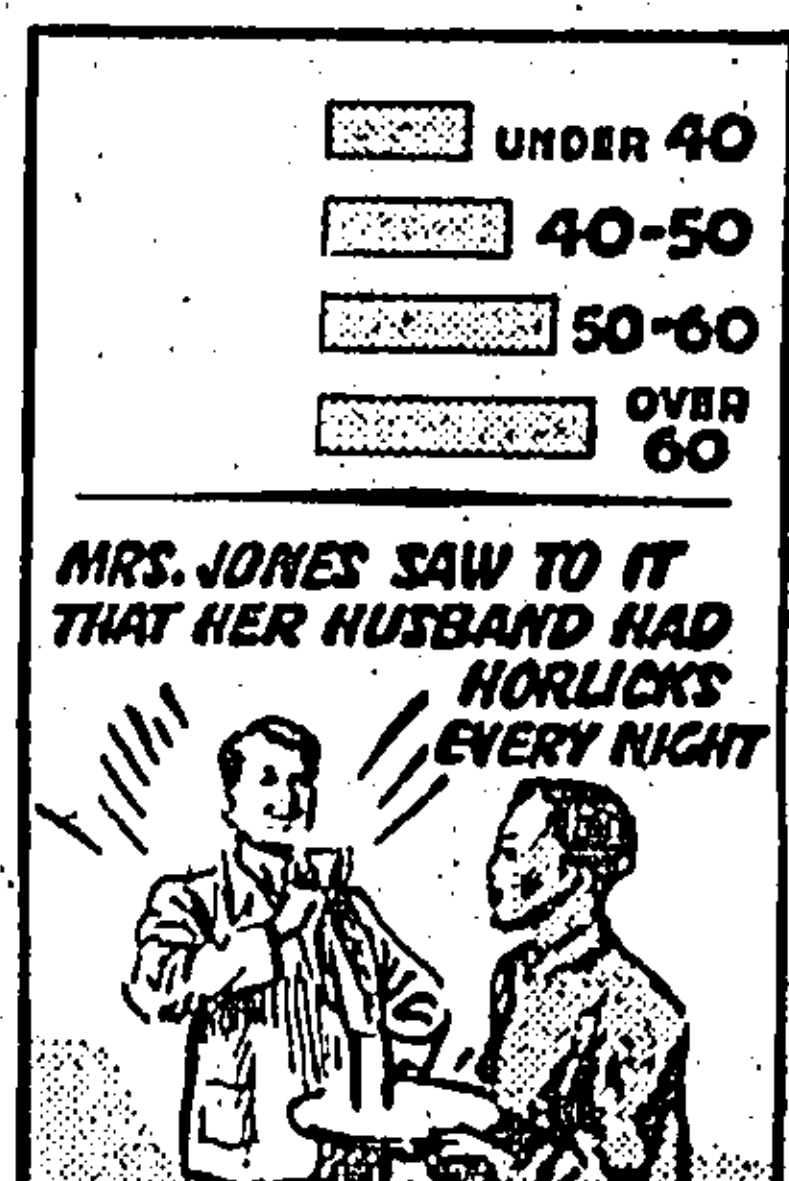
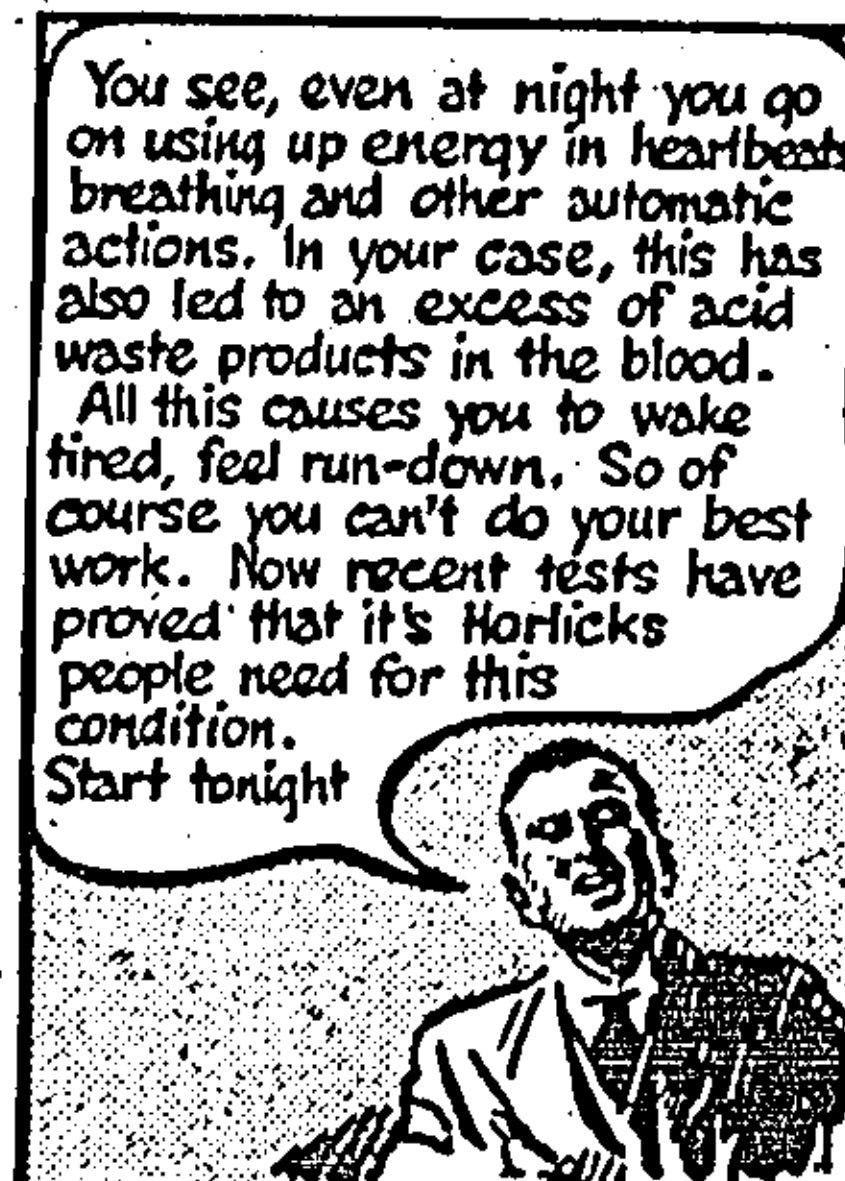
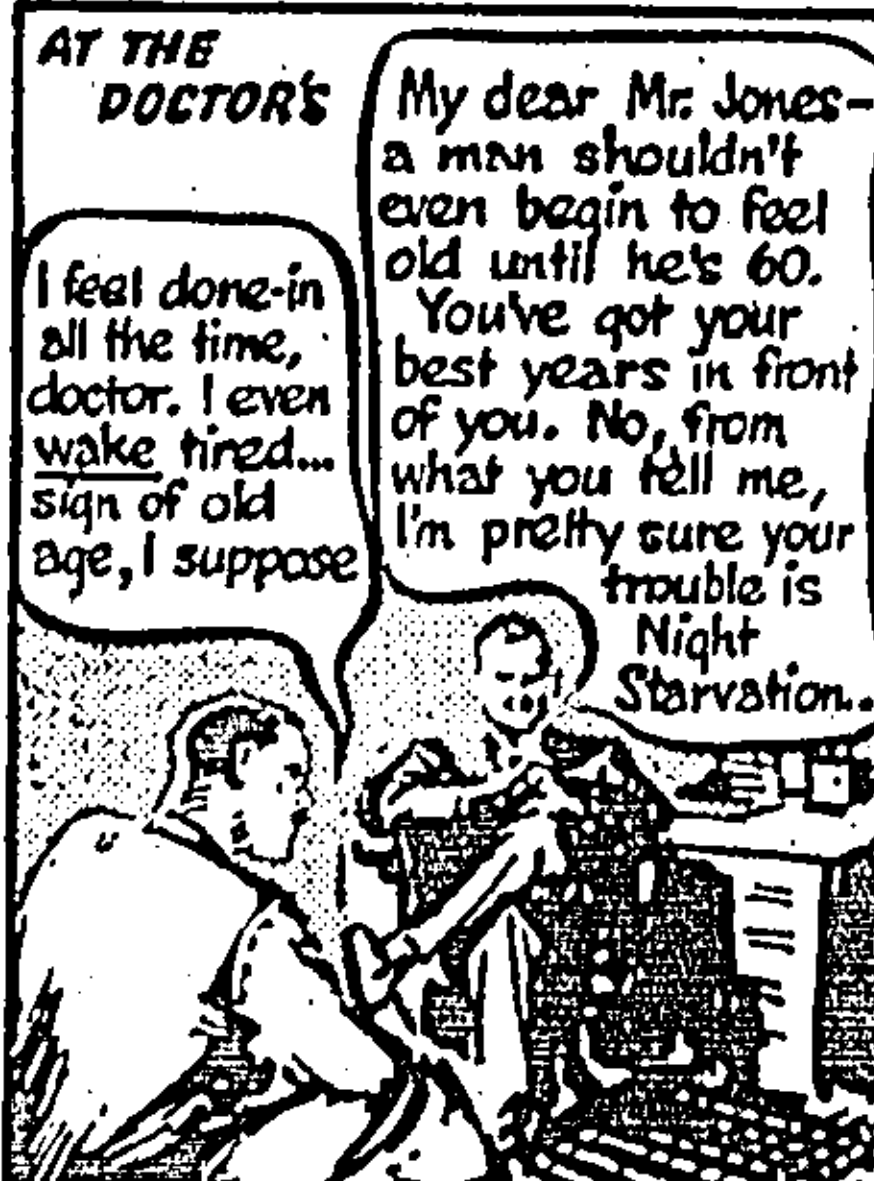
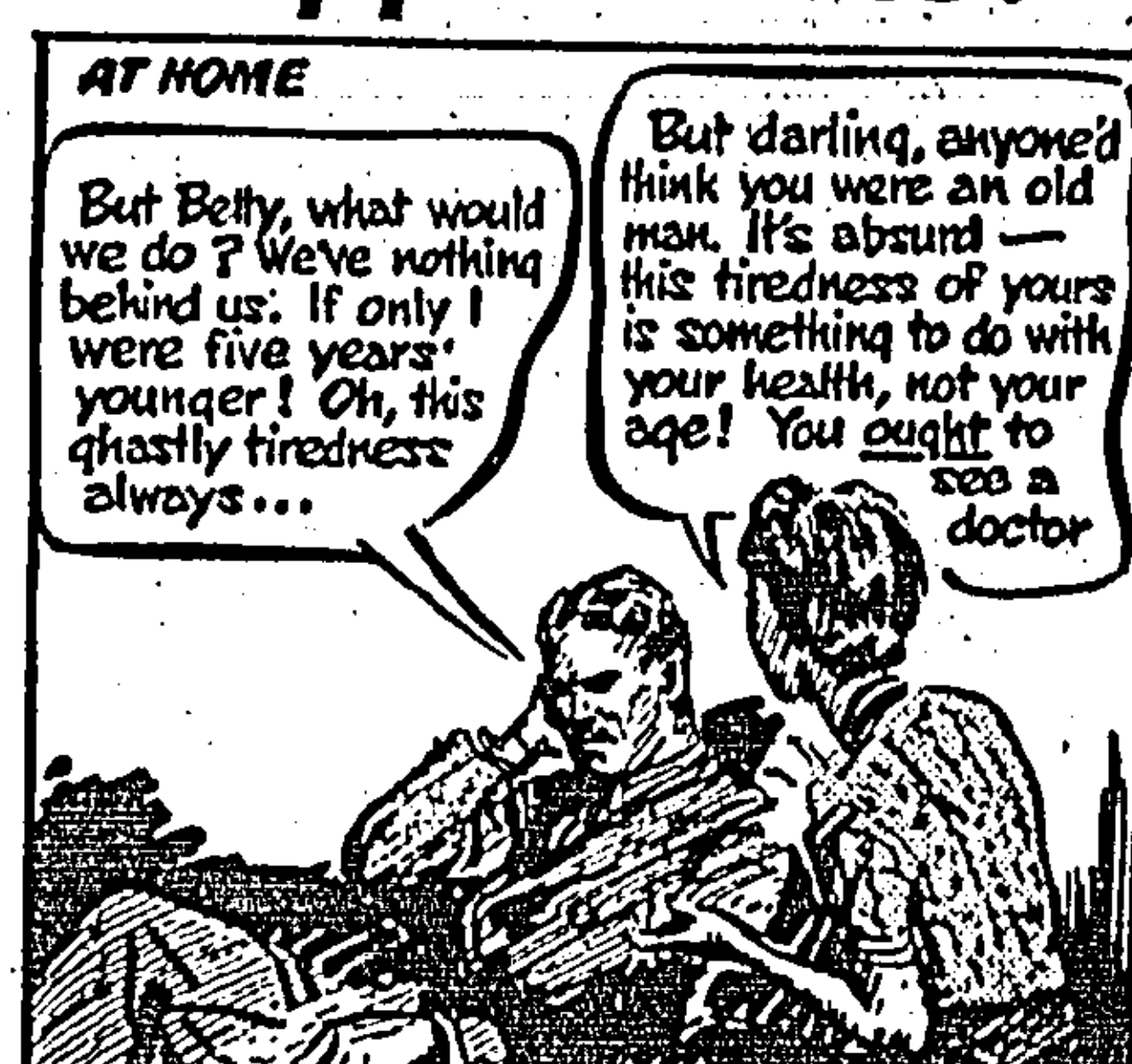


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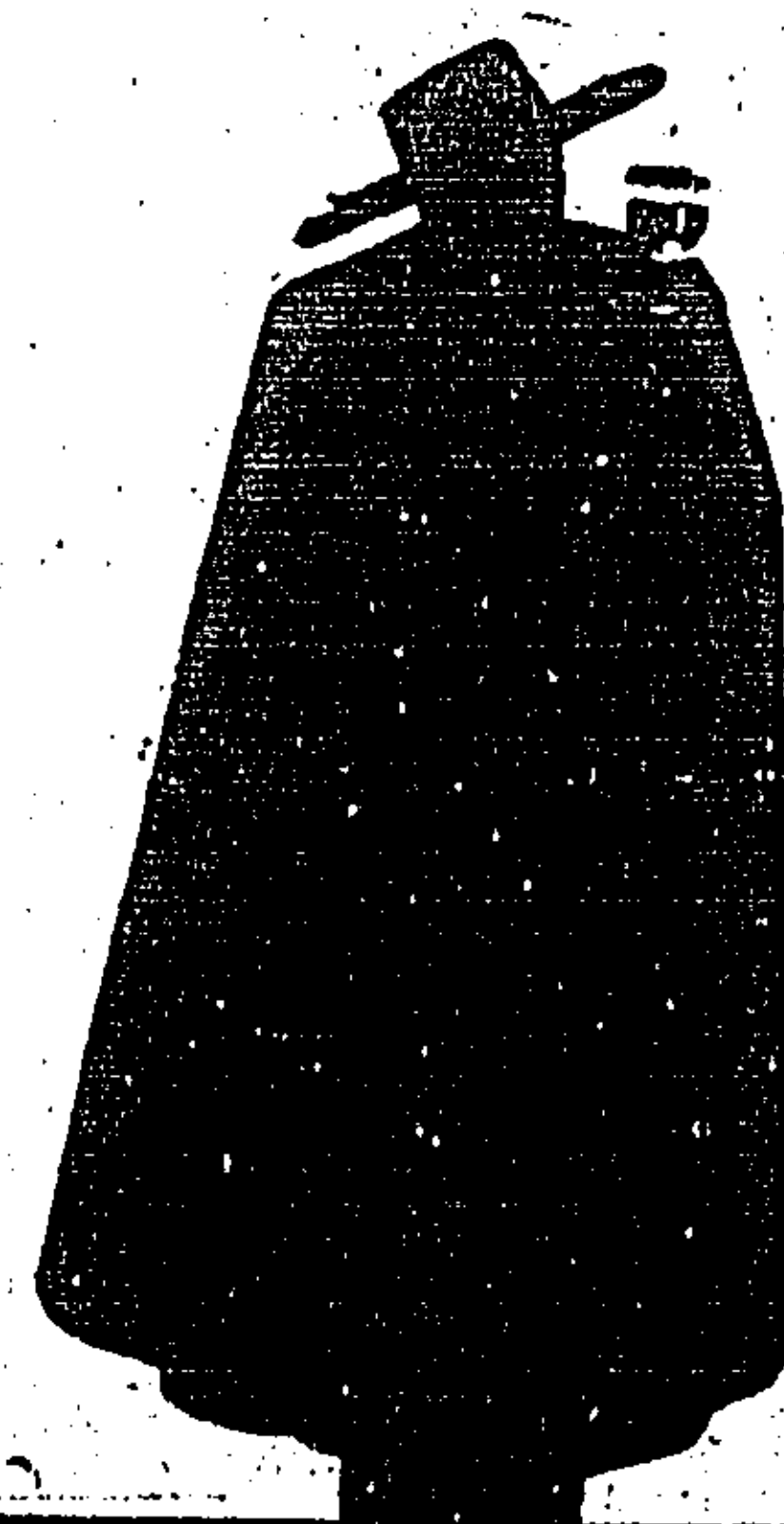
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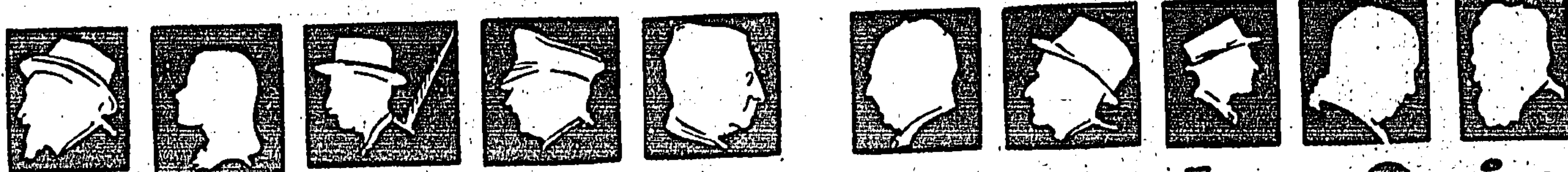
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THE "TELEGRAPH'S" WEEK-END PARTY —



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I'm not giving a prize for correct solutions, because half the fun will lie in looking up the answers (at the bottom of this column) and saying: "Of course... why, yes... yes, I can see it now..." Profiles are tracings made from actual front-page photographs, so there is positively no deception.

Room Furnished By . . .

YES—we are having a competition. Imagine you're going to live in a rectangular room, twelve yards by eight yards. Into this empty

room (call it a studio if you like) you have to place: one small grand piano, one writing desk, two lamp standards, a radio, a portable electric fire, a dining table, a divan, an armchair, four up-right chairs, two bookcases, a small sideboard, a cocktail cabinet. If you would you arrange them with the best possible results, artistic and practicable?

Two windows face south on twelve-yard side of room. Door is in east wall. Draw out your rectangle, mark in your furniture (with names).

Muscle-Play

STAND sideways against a wall, right arm and hand drooping at your side. Press your arm hard against the wall (keeping your body away from it) for ten seconds.

Then stand away, let your arm go completely limp, and watch it rise—mysteriously, inexplicably, without any effort from you—into the air.

Match Trick

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ANSWERS TO PROFILES: Reading from left to right: Montagu Norman, Greta Garbo, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Hitler, De Valera, H. H. Bell, Thurstons (escaped convict, caught this week), E. B. Cochran, Bernard Shaw.

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4-class Quiz

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HARD

- In the improbable event of the following authors ever having appeared in a police court, what name would the clerk have given to the magistrate? (a) "Sapper," (b) "Boz," (c) "Saki," (d) "Lewis Carroll," (e) "Tan Hay," (f) "Q," (g) "Beachcomber," (h) "George Eliot."
- Explain, without wasting words: (a) The Braille system, (b) the Bedaux system, (c) the solar system, (d) the alimentary system, (e) the decimal system.

HANDS UP!

STUDY your palm—get the low-down on your character and habits. Is it soft and slightly moist? You're emotional, wear your heart on your sleeve. Dry and firm? You are cool, deliberate, well balanced.

Is your thumb long and flexible? You have great powers of will and logic.

Now look at the diagram.

LIFE LINE. If clearly present, denotes good health and length of life.

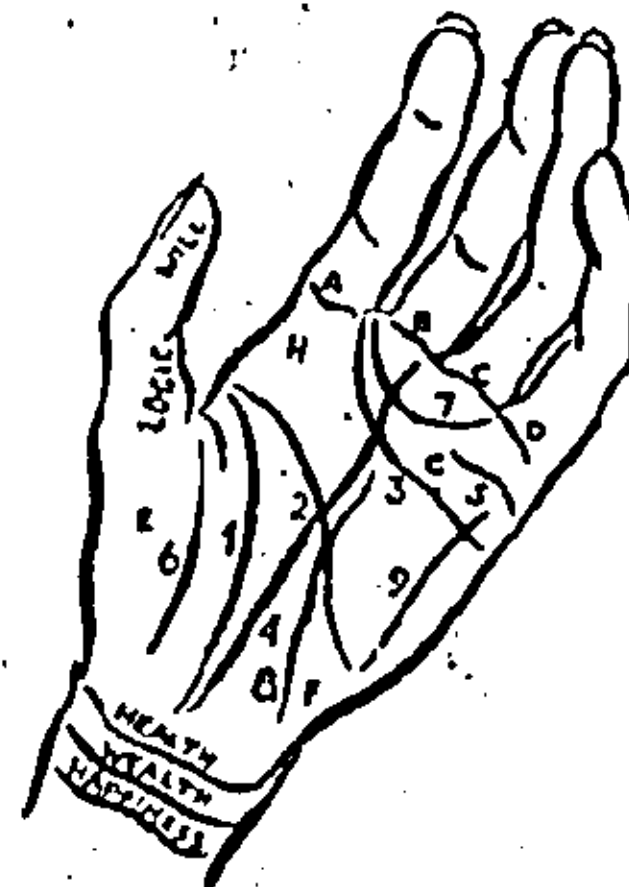
HEART LINE. If starting between first and second fingers, shows comradeship as well as love in marriage. If broken or ragged—not so good.

GIRDLE OF VENUS. Generally a semi-circle between first and second fingers, denotes a highly strung temperament. The more broken, the calmer you are.

HEAD LINE. If short, and starting from inside the Life Line—lack of self-confidence. If starting away from the Life Line—during and love of excitement. If curving downwards—optimism and imagination.

MARRIAGE LINE. If looped by the Girdle of Venus—a worrying and jealous nature. If curving downwards—you will outlive your partner. The nearer this line to the Heart Line, the earlier the marriage or love affair.

FATE LINE. Breaks in it indicate change of occupation or mode of life. If exceptionally clear—SUCCESS.

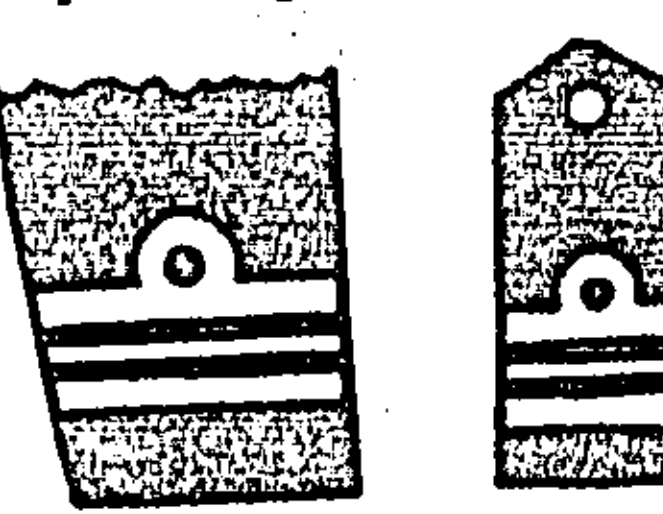


Here is the key to your palm—MOUNTS. (a) Ambition and pride. (b) Melancholy and seriousness. (c) Exceptional ability in your chosen occupation. (d) Adaptability. (e) Emotions and affections. (f) Imagination. (g) Physical courage. (h) Moral courage. (The larger the mount, the greater the degree.) **LINES.** (1) Life Line. (2) Head Line. (3) Heart Line. (4) Fate Line. (5) Marriage Line. (6) Double Life Line. (7) Girdle of Venus. (8) Line of Influence. (9) Line of Health. (The stronger and clearer the line, the greater its significance.)

ACROSTIC

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1. "In naive the world so high" Silver fish in a sunlit sky.
1. A shilling either way.
2. Behold the dawn of day.
3. Naught similar, 'tis said;
4. Without the King that's dead.
5. "The works" would not be wrong.
6. Had it itself, too long.
7. And midday ends my song.
(Solution Next Week)

Spotting The Rank



LIEUT.-COMMANDER

The rank of Lieutenant-commander was introduced into the Royal Navy as recently as March, 1914.

As the name indicates, it is the intermediate grade between commander and lieutenant, and corresponds to major in the Army. It is conferred automatically on every lieutenant when he has attained eight years' seniority in that rank. The "two and a half" stripes indicating the rank of lieutenant-commander had previously been worn by all lieutenants of eight years' seniority and above since 1875.

A proportion of the lieutenant-commanders command destroyers and other small ships, but the majority are otherwise employed. There are usually five or six in a battleship or battle-cruiser, and if the is the flagship of the Commander-in-Chief of a big fleet as many more will be found on board as members of the Admiral's staff.

When the war began there were 550 lieutenant-commanders on the active list and 1,550 on the retired and emergency lists.

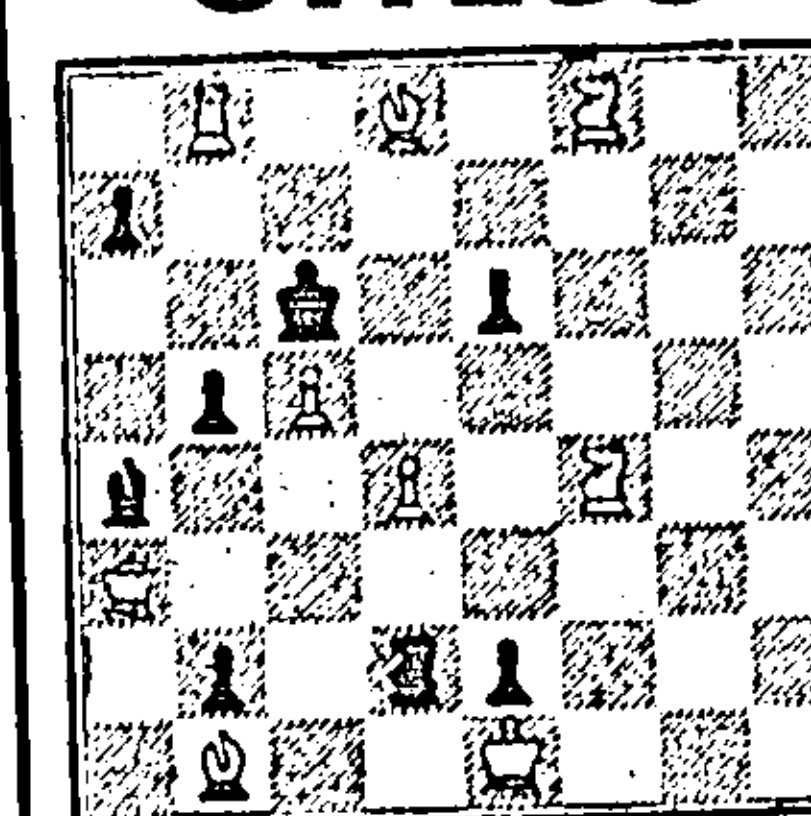
PLAIN SAILING

- What are (or were) the outstanding facial peculiarities of (a) George Robey, (b) Joe E. Brown, (c) Cynno de Bergerac, (d) Sir Henry Wood, (e) W. C. Fields, (f) Jack Hulbert.
- Would you say that Toscanini was a rare type of spaghetti, an exotic cocktail, a famous sculptor, a musical conductor, an opening in chess, or an Italian vermouth?

DEAD EASY

- When the traffic lights change from STOP to GO, in which order do the lights appear?
- From your knowledge of 10. American films, give English equivalents of these phrases: "Step on it, buddy," (c) "Scram," (d) "Give him the works!"

CHESS



PROBLEM No. 2

By R. GUNNING (Whitton)
BLACK (7 pieces).
WHITE (6 pieces).
(MATE IN THREE)

Forsyth notation check on diagram: 8: 3 Q 2 Kt K; 7 B; 1: 1 5; 5 R 1 Kt; 2 P 1 K 2 P; 4 b 3; 4 r 3.

Key to Problem No. 1 was Q-Q3.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- (a) H. C. McNeill, (b) Charles Dickens, (c) H. H. Munro (d) Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, (e) John H. Bell, (f) Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, (g) J. B. Morton, (h) Mrs. Mary Ann Cross. 2. (a) A system of printing for the blind, (b) a system for speeding up factory production, (c) the sun, together with planets and other bodies with it, (d) the digestive system, (e) method of counting by tens. 3. Devonport, Brixham, Lyme Regis, Bournemouth, Portsmouth, Brighton, Eastbourne, Dover, Shoeburyness, Harwich, Felixstowe, Cromer, Scarborough, Sunderland, South Shields, Tyne-mouth.
- (a) China, (b) India, (c) Persia, (d) Japan, (e) Arabia, (f) Afghanistan, (g) Tibet, (h) Morocco, (i) Venice, (j) Egypt. 5. (a) Barrel, (b) valet, (c) banquet, (d) minuet, (e) cricket, (f) racket, (g) hatchet, (h) rocket, (i) picket, (j) racket, (k) basket. 6. Change your diet. 7. (a) Eyebrows, (b) mouth, (c) nose, (d) beard, (e) nose, (f) chin. 8. A musical conductor. 9. Red—red and amber—green. 10. (a) You're stupid, dear, (b) hurry up old chap, (c) get out, (d) shoot him.

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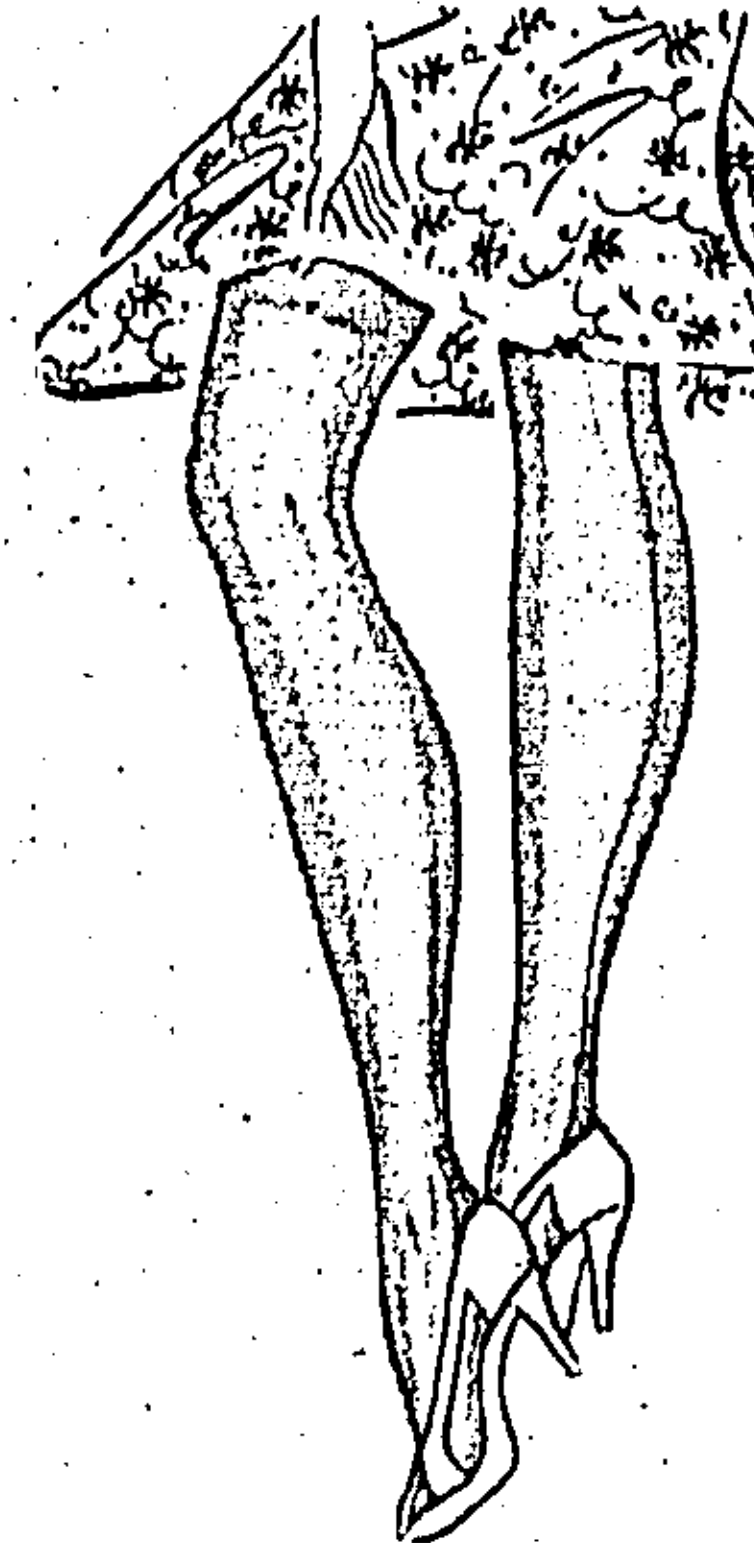
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- 9032—Wish me luck, as you wave me goodbye.
- 9028—And the angels sing Maxwell Stewarts Orch.
- Undecided.
- 9025—Quand Madelon. French March The Belgrave Orch.
- Vivat Polonia. Polish march.
- 9057—Berlin, or bust Jay Wilbur & Band.
- Oh Soldier, who's your lady love.
- 9059—Finch Favourites Horace Finch. Organ.
- 9063—Daughter of Middle of Armentieres Tommy Connor & The Boys.
- Here we go again.
- 9070—Lonely sweetheart Oscar Rabin & Band.
- Till the lights of London shine again.
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CHURCH NOTICES

ST. ANDREW'S
(CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOWLOON)

V.D.M.A. Annual Meeting
On Tuesday

Sunday, March 31, Low Sunday
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Morning & Address, 9.15 a.m. Preacher: The Rev. J. E. Moore.

Evening & Address, 6.15 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. J. E. Moore. Subject: "The Church's Missionary Society, Sunday Evening Club will follow this service."

Primary Sunday School, 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Leader: Miss Robinson.

Young People's Service in Church, 10 a.m. Leader: Miss Robinson.

Week Day Notes
Monday, April 1—Mother's Union Work Meeting, 11 a.m.; Bible Reading Fellowship, 6 p.m. Fellowship, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2—Announcement of B. V. Mary, Corporate Communion for Mothers' Union, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Boys' Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3—Medical War Working Party, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cum-berland Rd. Kowloon Tong; St. Andrew's Club, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 4—Women's Fellowship, 3 p.m. Working Party for B.W.O.F., 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fellowship, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 5—All Church War Working Party, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH
(QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Dr. S. H. Moore to Speak On
"Medical and Refugee Work"

Services on Sunday, March 31.
Preachers—Morning, Rev. J. E. Moore. Subject: "Medical and Refugee Work." Junior Church at 9.30 a.m. All children welcome.

Morning Parade Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymn No. 2, Prayer, Hymn No. 630, 1st Lesson, Hymn No. 69, 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 693, Sermon, Hymn No. 640, Benediction.

Evening Service at 7 p.m.—Hymn No. 688, Prayer, Hymn No. 693, Sermon, Hymn No. 621, Benediction.

Notes for the Week
1. Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.15 p.m. and will be warmly welcomed.

2. The Badminton Club is meeting at the S. & S. Home on Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

3. A meeting of the L.C.A. will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday at 8.15 p.m.

4. There will be a meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at the S. & S. Home on Tuesday at 8.15 p.m.

UNION CHURCH
(KENNEDY ROAD)

Rev. E. Moreton To Preach
To-morrow Morning

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 8 p.m.
Preacher at Morning service, Rev. E. Moreton. Preacher at Evening service, Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

LESSON SERMON
First Church of Christ
Scientist, Hong Kong

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches to-morrow March 31 will be—**"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."** (Jas. 1:17).

Among others the following scriptures will be read from the Bible—**"All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord, for thou art great, and dost wonderful things: thou art God alone."** (Thou, O Lord, remainest for ever, thy throne from generation to generation.) (Ps. 90:1-2) (Lam. 3:12).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy—**"In the vast forever, in the Science and truth of being, the only facts are Spirit and its innumerable creations. Spirit and all things spiritual are the real and eternal. Spirit imports the understanding which upholds the connection and leads into all truth. Understanding is the line of demarcation between the real and unreal."** (Page 479, 480, 481).

Announcement
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong, (a branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, Kowloon, is holding a series of Sunday Testimony Meetings, Wednesday, 8 p.m. A Testimony Meeting is held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the building and is open every morning (except Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

Notice

The Annual Dinner and Dance will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday, 30th MARCH, 1940, at 7.30 p.m.

E. L. STRANGE,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1940, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

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The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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CHRIST CHURCH
(KOWLOON TONG)

Rev. Charles Higgins To Preach at Mattins

Sunday, March 31—11.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 2 p.m. Sunday School Services.

Monday, April 1—Morning & Sermon, Preacher: the Rev. Charles Higgins, of the American Episcopal Church.

Tuesday, April 2—Morning & Sermon, Preacher: Rev. Raymond K. Jones. There will be no service of Evening Song this day.

Wednesday, April 3—Morning & Sermon, Preacher: Rev. Charles Higgins, of the American Episcopal Church. There will be no service of Evening Song this day.

Thursday, April 4—Morning & Sermon, Preacher: Rev. Charles Higgins, of the American Episcopal Church. There will be no service of Evening Song this day.

Friday, April 5—Morning & Sermon, Preacher: Rev. Charles Higgins, of the American Episcopal Church. There will be no service of Evening Song this day.

Sale. A charge of ten cents is being made for admission.

Note: That on and from the first Sunday in April there will be a service of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. in Mandarin, every Sunday.

URSULA ON THE JOB

Nazi Ship Flew Estonian Flag

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 29 (UP).—It is revealed that the British submarine which torpedoed the German freighter Heddernheim was H.M.S. Ursula, which will be remembered for her fine exploit earlier in the war in torpedoing a Kohn type cruiser near Kiel.

The German freighter Heddernheim was sunk by H.M.S. Ursula. The Hugo Stinnes scuttled herself when called upon by H.M.S. Ursula to halt. She did not sink, however, so was hastened to her doom by a well-directed torpedo.

The Heddernheim was flying the Estonian flag when she was intercepted. She had aboard 7,000 tons of Swedish iron ore.

The Hugo Stinnes Was Scuttled

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—Further details regarding the recent sinking of the German freighter Heddernheim by the British submarine H.M.S. Ursula are now available.

The freighter was intercepted by a British submarine which shadowed her from outside Danish waters.

As soon as the ship was clear of the three mile limit she was ordered to stop and make no use of her wireless.

This order was disregarded.

After trying to escape the ship scuttled itself.

The crew were picked up by the submarine and put into boats.

Something To Hide

German Comment On Allied War Council

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Mar. 29 (UP).—The fact that such a meeting was considered necessary indicates that everything is not in order on the Allied side.

"The secrecy surrounding the meeting indicates they have something to hide which they dare not bring before the public," declared an authorised spokesman commenting on the Allied War Council meeting to-day.

Demand for Action

Allied comment on the meeting is being interpreted here as a "demand for action" and it is being stated that the termination of the Finnish war does not mark the end of the Allies efforts to extend the war to Scandinavia.

The same authorised source said the German authorities are still checking the interment of the U-boat in Norway and also the Rome Radio report that the German fleet is steaming out to battle.

At present, he said, no comment could be made on either of these reports.

League Will Aid Finland

Assurance Given By M. Joseph Avenol

GENEVA, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—A promise that the permanent staff of the League of Nations will give Finland every possible assistance in the work of reconstruction is reported to have been given to the Finnish Government to-day by the Secretary-General, M. Joseph Avenol.

It is also reported that before giving this promise, M. Avenol consulted the British and French Governments, which are very anxious to do all they can help Finland recover from the effects of the Soviet war of aggression.

Want Freedom But Not Hitlerism

RANGOON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—"We want independence, but our independence will not be at Hitlerism's expense," said the Indian Mayor of Rangoon at a meeting inaugurating the Burma War Donation Fund.

A Committee, under the former Acting Governor, Mr. Maungyi, and including Indian, Burmese, European and Chinese leaders, was formed.

Contributions amounting to £1,000, including the subscriptions of the Governor, Sir Archibald Cochrane, and Lady Cochrane were made at the meeting.

AERIAL TORPEDOES MISS THEIR MARKS

FROM PAGE ONE

trawler recently was the Unity, a sister ship of the Ursula.

The Nazis announce that a trawler has been sunk after hitting a British mine.

Actually she was sunk by a German light bomber. When her crew of eight were picked up by a submarine the men had been in an open boat for six days and were in a bad condition.

NEW BANKNOTES ISSUED

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—New blue one pound notes were issued by the Bank of England yesterday.

The issuing office was kept busy all day by people who wanted to change their old notes for new ones.

FLYING OFFICER DECORATED

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—Flying Officer Edgar James Kain, of Hastings, New Zealand, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy.

Crack Red Troops To Be Withdrawn

HELSINKI, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—The Soviet military authorities are withdrawing their crack troops from the newly-occupied areas in Finland and are replacing them with other units.

Graf Spee "Mutiny" Is Denied

BERLIN, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—According to a Buenos Aires despatch issued by the German news agency, the statement that the crew of the Graf Spee refused to put to sea, as alleged by the British Admiralty, is emphatically denied by the First Officer, Captain Kay.

Captain Kay says: "This statement is, in all details, a mere invention." He cites 1,000 persons—from the First Officer to the youngest seaman of the Graf Spee—as witnesses.

Lt.-Commander J. Jolly, R.N.R., has been appointed to be a Marine Magistrate.

Mr. R. A. Carroll has been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Statement Approved

British Press And The Allied War Council

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—Thursday's declaration by the Supreme War Council of the Allies is warmly approved by the British Press, which welcomes the statement that the security of France and Britain must be safeguarded before there will be any peace talks, and that their unity will be continued when peace is established.

The "Times" comments that the War Council has made it clear to the whole world that the unity of the Allies is now firmly established and that nothing can shake it.

It was in this atmosphere of assured, confident victory that the Council must have discussed the questions made urgent by recent developments, the "Times" continues.

Popular Conviction

The Council's decisions are likely to reflect the popular conviction that the time has come to wage the war with the utmost energy and determination.

The "Daily Telegraph" considers the official communiqué issued following the Council meeting as the most emphatic and far-reaching declaration of joint policy yet made.

The Labour paper "Daily Herald" commends the decision that both Britain and France will insist on the conditions necessary for their security before discussing peace terms.

The failure to do this was the source of much trouble in 1919 and afterwards.

Italy Not Impressed

ROME, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—The Italian Press is at pains to show that it is not impressed by the communiqué issued in connection with the meeting of the Allied Supreme War Council.

The "Messaggero" comments, however, that the next phase of Anglo-French diplomatic and military action is revealed in the declaration concerning the future.

Soviets Drag Out Talks

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—According to information from Moscow, the negotiations which the Finnish delegates are conducting are dragging on longer than anticipated.

The Russians are stated to be widening the scope of the discussions to include the question of increased deliveries of goods from Finland, especially in industrial products.

New Trade Agreement

A special joint committee is expected to consider the question of a new trade agreement.

An agreement has not yet been reached on several frontier questions which are still being discussed.

It is generally anticipated that diplomatic relations will be shortly resumed.

NORTH SEA "BATTLE"

FROM PAGE ONE

fields scattered in this area as far as the northwest German coast.

No Confirmation

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—Reports that German warships have been sighted off the west coast of Denmark by watchers ashore are not confirmed by high official circles here.

It is stated that no German naval units have been observed either from Esbjerg or any other place on the coast of Jutland.

The same negative news comes from private sources along the coast.

ACTIVE BRITISH SUBMARINES

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—The recent activities of British submarines are mentioned in an official announcement, which discloses that the Heddernheim was sunk by the submarine Ursula, which became famous for sinking a German cruiser at the mouth of the River Elbe several months ago.

The Edmund Hango Stinnes was sunk by the submarine Ursula.

The submarine Ursula rescued eight survivors of the Dutch trawler Frohns, which was bombed and sunk by a German plane on March 28.

SYRIA-TURKEY CONVENTION

ROME, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—A convention of friendship and good neighbourly relations is to be concluded between Syria and Turkey, according to a despatch from Ankara.

The convention will be signed by M. Gabriel Puaux, High Commissioner for Syria, who recently arrived in Ankara by M. Massaghi, the French Ambassador to Turkey, and by M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister.

Halifax, Kennedy Confer

LONDON, Mar. 29 (UP).—The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, was in conference with Lord Halifax for half-an-hour to-day.

It is believed they discussed the Allied War Council's plans.

Three-Power Axis

Swiss Correspondents' Scoptical Of Move

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—Swiss correspondents in Rome indicate a disbelief in the possibility of Italy joining the Berlin-Moscow axis.

The "Basler" Rome correspondent says that Italy's attitude towards the Soviets is summed up as follows:

(1) Italy regards Russia as of little value as a military ally;

(2) Rome regards the political world-wide aims of Moscow with undiminished distrust.

While this will not prevent Italy from continuing to trade with the Soviets, inclusion in any political and military system in which Bolshevism is a partner is out of the question.

Rumania's Position

Swiss correspondents in Bucharest say that Rumania's case clearly shows the dangers attending "security by tribute," which President Roosevelt has already declared as inconsistent with real peace.

Rumania, like the other Balkan states, desires only to be saved from the horrors of a war of invasion, and is prepared to pay high prices for it. But this has limits.

The alternative is "security against tribute."

Canadian Elections

The "New York Post" says the Liberal landslide in Canada and the crushing defeat of all those who criticised the war policies of the Mackenzie King Government should show London that Canada is prepared to stand back up to the Allied cause to the utmost.

Mr. Mackenzie King did not wait for requests from the British Government, as soon as war was declared, he initiated a war programme that left nothing to be desired.

CHILDREN DROWN

Junk In Collision In Central Fairway

Four children lost their lives following a collision between two junks in the harbour yesterday, despite gallant rescue attempts by Sgt. Michie, of the Water Police.

According to Chung Hing, steersman, his boat with 12 people on board, including the four children, was sailing in the central fairway about 12.30 p.m. when a junk suddenly altered its course and collided with his. The sails became entangled, causing his junk to capsize.

Almost immediately after eight had been rescued by the crew of a launch, a Police launch with Sgt. Michie arrived. On hearing that four children were missing, Sgt. Michie at once dived into the water and smashed the hatch off the upper cabin of the capsized junk with an axe.

He brought to the surface a nine-year-old boy, Sin Mei, who was however, beyond human aid.

Owing to the water-logged condition of the junk it was impossible to reach the other cabins where the other children, a 10-year-old boy and two girls, aged 11 and eight, were trapped. The junk was towed to Yuamat and the bodies of the children recovered.

On board the junk was a cargo of split bamboo, valued at \$2,500, which was lost.

Incident At Stanley

A sudden squall about 1 p.m. yesterday caused a boat to capsize off Stanley and resulted in the death of a woman, Fan Kau-mui, 30.

On the boat besides Fan were two women, Chan Ngai, 26, and Yeung Kul, 43, and a man, Lau Chai, 36, who swam to nearby rocks from where they were brought ashore by two Indian warders.

The body of Fan was recovered.

BAREBACK RIDE IN AIR

London, Mar. 29.
A young aircraftsman working as a rigger at an R.A.F. fighter command station had the unique experience of riding bareback on a Spitfire machine, sitting astride the fuselage facing the tail.

The pilot after taking off was puzzled by the weight and unresponsive behaviour of the tail and made a circuit of the aerodrome. His passenger, gripping tight with his knees and arms, hung on grimly.

Meanwhile, the ground staff, gravely anxious, summoned men and emergency staff with equipment, including a fire engine. The pilot landed smoothly, the aircraftman being none the worse.—British Wire-les.

Nazi Plane Down

Paris, Mar. 29.
A German Dornier type plane crashed while on reconnaissance over north-east France yesterday, the entire crew being killed.

The crash is attributed either to engine trouble or storm.—Reuter Bulletin.

Polish Planes Join

Paris, Mar. 29.
The first squadron of Polish planes which have been training in France have now joined the Allied forces on the Western Front.

Addressing the pilots before their departure, Gen. Sikorski said: "You were the last to fight in Poland. Now you will be the first to fight for Poland in France."—Reuter Bulletin.

LETTERS

St. Dunstan's Thanks

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—May I beg the use of your columns to make known our thanks for the generous gift from the people of Hongkong to St. Dunstan's War Fund, by publishing the enclosed announcement.

J. E. ROSE,
Publicity Officer,
St. Dunstan's.

Captain Sir Ian Fraser, C.B.E., acknowledges with deep gratitude the magnificent gift of £1,000 from the people of Hongkong to St. Dunstan's War Fund. This most generous contribution which is very greatly appreciated, has been paid through the British War Organisation Fund, of which Her Excellency Lady Northcote is President.

On March the 8th, the Minister of Pensions, Sir Walter Womersley, M.P., opened the new Operating Theatre Wing which has been built to convert St. Dunstan's Convalescent Home into the Central Hospital for Serious Ex-Service Men.

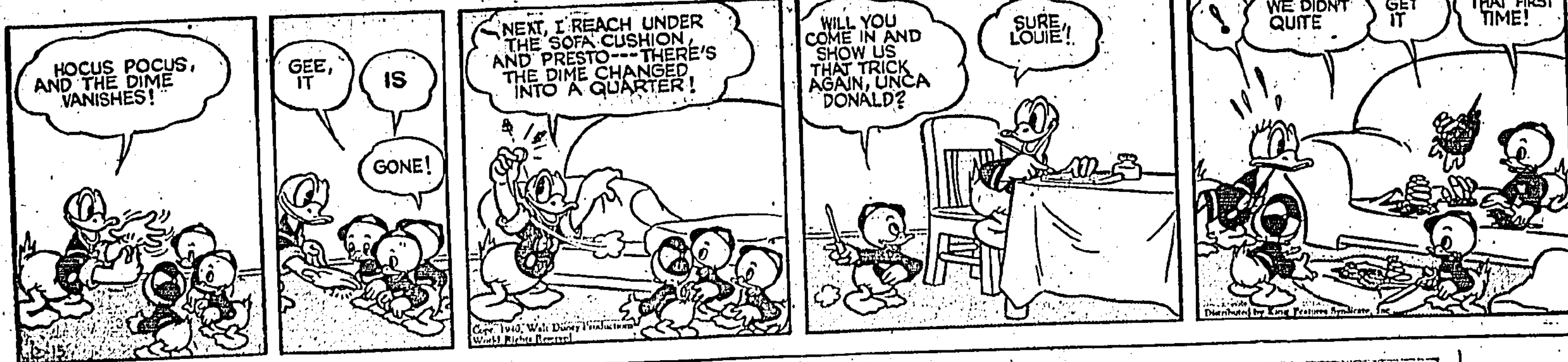
The Minister of Pensions said that the Nation had placed a great responsibility upon St. Dunstan's because it was the best organisation for the blind in the world.

Sir Ian Fraser emphasised that apart from the men and women of the home country, they had arranged with the Indian Government to make appropriate provision for any Indians who might be blinded as a result of their services and discussions were proceeding with the Dominions with a similar object.

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DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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Sea Captains Amplify Admiralty Statement INEXPERIENCED MEN ABOARD GRAF SPEE

Some of the younger men in the crew of the Graf Spee had been sent to sea after only a few months' training ashore. They were inexperienced and unhandy about a ship.

The crew were demoralised in the action against the Exeter, the Ajax, and the Achilles. This is the information which the Admiralty has gained from interviews with British masters and wireless operators who were prisoners aboard the German pocket battleship.

"If, as has been said, the Admiral Graf Spee had a picked crew, then the standard of the Nazi Navy cannot compare with that of the German Navy of 1914-18," is the Admiralty's conclusion.

British masters say that the German boarding parties invariably seized sextants, chronometers, binoculars, or telescopes, and even typewriters. One captain who tried to keep a presentation sextant informed that it was given a receipt for it, as well as for his ship. As for the sextant, he was told, "Mr. Churchill will pay for it."

Never Been Afloat Before

All the British prisoners agreed that the Graf Spee's crew were abnormally young. Most of them were aged between seventeen and twenty-two, with a small sprinkling of older men. Some of the younger men had never been afloat before.

"They were not seamen," said one of the British merchant captains. "They did not know the first thing about it. I watched them closely whenever I was on deck. If they could do a thing wrongly they did it."

The entire crew firmly believed that their ship was invincible. They had nothing to fear. Most of the British Navy was already sunk, and everyone knew that the Hood, the Renown, and the Repulse were out of action with the Ark Royal. Mr. Churchill's speeches were all bluff, and the Germans could not be beaten.

As for Britain, the German wireless had told them weeks before that the British east coast ports were so blocked with mines that traffic had ceased to run. The turn of the west coast ports would come next, and already the crews of British merchant ships in Argentina were in a state of mutiny and refusing to go to sea.

The food served to the prisoners on board the Graf Spee was exactly the same as that given to the crew. It was very bad indeed, insufficient to enable men to do a full day's work, said some of the captains. The sausage, composed of "goodness knows what," could only be swallowed after hard mastication. The crust of the black bread was so like indiarubber that chewing made little impression on it. There was fruit

soup with the strange admixture of floating lumps of fat pork, very indigestible and bitter-tasting coffee, and so-called synthetic fish in tins. This was impregnated with salt, dyed, bright red, and preserved in olive oil, and was said to be some very coarse sea-fish, or perhaps pilchard or perch. The comment of the captives was that it was nauseating to eat and like trying to chew the indiarubber sole of a shoe.

They described the mortification of the Germans when they discovered they had sunk a ship with a cargo of just over 6,000 tons, largely made up of refrigerated meat, butter, and cheese. The master told the boarding officer that his cargo was wool. So it was—in the upper parts of the two holds which the Germans examined.

Demoralised in Battle

While sinking merchant ships the Graf Spee's crew were cock-a-hoop and joyous. During the action with the

Ajax, the Achilles, and the Exeter, when their ship was being hit, their demeanour was utterly different. Watching the ammunition parties through a small hole in the bulkhead, the British saw the Germans in a state of demoralisation. Unnerved at the sight of men killed and wounded, many of the Graf Spee's crew were physically sick.

The enemy, particularly Captain Langsdorff, who saw some of his prisoners before they landed at Montevideo, were loud in their praises of the manoeuvring and bravery of the three British ships. They were amazed when the Exeter, having been badly hit and with most of her armament out of action, returned and continued the fight with only one serviceable gun.

The account says that the inhuman treatment of prisoners on board the Altmark, the supply ship to the German pocket battleship, was in direct contrast to the treatment of the prisoners by Captain Langsdorff.

Four of Eight Died Clinging to Boat

FOUR men clinging to an overturned boat in the North Sea, hope of rescue almost gone, held on—and laughed. But their laugh was due to hysteria when they saw rescue at hand.

Eight of the crew of 19 had managed to get a hold on the boat when the Norwegian ship Manx (1,343 tons) had sunk after an explosion. One by one, they were drowned or died from exposure, until four were left.

Their story was told by the man who rescued them, Captain Utne, of the Norwegian steamer Leka.

"I saw an upturned boat floating in the water with four men clinging to it," he said.

"One of them, apparently dying, was resting against an older man, who proved to be the master of the Manx, Captain Nyegaard.

"I realised it was a matter of minutes to save them, so instead of lowering a boat I manoeuvred the ship alongside.

"Captain Nyegaard said that the terrible explosion blew the fore part of the Manx clean off.

"After about an hour of clinging to the capsized lifeboat, the chief engineer slid off, then the second engineer went under. During the night the cook and a fireman froze to death.

"I learned that another group of men had taken to a raft," said Captain Utne. "Information reached me later that a Danish steamer had found the raft bearing the second officer and a deck boy both alive."

U-Boat Sunk?

Intensive depth-charge action by British destroyers in the North Sea was described by the crew of a Norwegian ship which has arrived at a north-east coast port.

"While we were coming across the North Sea with other ships," said one of the men, "we saw British destroyers approach and lower depth charges, which threw up columns of water."

"When we got to a control port we were told by men in another ship which had been in the vicinity that large patches of oil had appeared on the water and that pieces of wreckage, which might have been from a U-boat, had been seen."



THEY COMPROMISE ON SHORTS.—Pipers of the University Regiment have found an acceptable substitute since kilts were banned on active service.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA FOR THE RESERVISTS

SENATE SELECTION

BRISBANE. The acting secretary of the Queensland General Executive (Mr. S. Bryan) announced to-day that Mr. W. J. Gilmore, whose papers were held over for further scrutiny, had been endorsed for the Senate plebiscite.

Mr. Gilmore was formerly an officer of the Labour League Club. The addition of his name raises the Senate list to 24. Mr. Bryan also announced that the nomination of Mr. W. J. F. Hildon, an opponent of Mr. Gilmore, had been received.

ALLEGED HORSE DOPING

PERTH. Giving evidence before the New South Wales Select Committee, Maurice Cobbin, wholesaler chemist, alleged the doping of horses raced at Salisbury and Trullington was extensive in Western Australia. He said a large amount of the dope was being used. It made horses uncleanable as breeders.

Amendments would have to be made to the Narcotics Act, which controlled the amount of drug a chemist could have before the position could be improved.

STRIKE THREAT

HOBART. The Tasmanian Racing Club Committee, which notified the Southern Tasmanian Bookmakers' Association that it cannot accept a request for a receipt of betting meetings was extensive in Western Australia. He said a large amount of the dope was being used. It made horses uncleanable as breeders.

The bookmakers express the view that the telephone is essential to the carrying on of their business, and that such a restriction would be a serious blow to the industry.

In reply to a letter from the T.R.C., the V.R.C. Secretary has notified the T.R.C. that the V.R.C. committee would not consent to a restriction of such a nature, and that betting prices before a race is run are not telephoned from Flemington racecourse to anywhere.

RIOT ACT FOR JOCKEYS

MELBOURNE. Heading the riot act after the last race at Caulfield on Saturday, the V.R.C. stewards warned two leading Sydney jockeys—Dorothy Munro and Ted Bartlett—that serious action will be taken against them if they do not observe the rules of fair riding.

Munro, rider of Courage, was reprimanded for crossing national too early, and for crossing the V.R.C. stewards' line. Bartlett was reprimanded for crossing the V.R.C. stewards' line and for crossing the V.R.C. stewards' line.

The stewards told both jockeys that they had no wish to penalise them, but that the V.R.C. committee was determined to maintain the rules of fair riding, and that the V.R.C. committee was determined to maintain the rules of fair riding.

The rules of racing are there to be administered, said one official, and every rider, whether he be from Sydney or a local lad, must be taught the difference between fair and foul riding.

Sydney jockeys have often encountered a terrible time in Melbourne. Suspensions have been frequent, but the V.R.C. have been lenient, and they have not victimised the visitors.

When the controversy over these suspensions was at its height about two years ago, Mr. W. H. Johnston, chairman of stewards, said: If anything, we are inclined to be more lenient with the visitors, because we realise they are riding under strange conditions.

AMAZING ESCAPE

SYDNEY. An Air Force cadet had an amazing escape from serious injury to-day, when a training aircraft, which was flying low over the water, was forced to land on a beach and dived between the trunks of two trees.

The cadet, T. J. L. Briggs, returned to the aerodrome after the crash, and continued his ground studies. Examination by a doctor showed that he was suffering from ill-effects other than a slight headache.

Briggs lost flying speed close to the ground, and when he opened the throttle the engine spluttered and failed to respond. He kept the machine on a course straight ahead.

The wings were torn off when they struck the tree trunk. The nose ploughed

AIR FORCE COMMANDS

SYDNEY. New Air Force commands may be established in North Queensland, possibly in Papua, in the Northern Territory and on the North-west coast, most probably near Wyndham.

This is believed to be the likely outcome, if, as is expected, the new Chief of the Australian Air Staff (Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett) recommends the development of the Royal Australian Air Force with an increased number of commands on a geographical basis rather than on the functional system used in England.

BONDI INCIDENTS

SYDNEY. Detectives have been unable to find the reason for the shooting on Friday of a woman in a lane off Sir Thomas Mitchell Road, Bondi, and the wounding of a man in a flat in the same street.

University Alumni

President Makes Appeal For More Members

A strong appeal for more members of the Hongkong University Alumni Association was made by Dr. F. I. Tseng at the annual meeting yesterday. Dr. Tseng, who was elected President, said a drive for new members would be conducted. In the absence of the President, Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, Dr. D. K. Samy was chairman.

A letter was read from the University requesting the Association's assistance in compiling a roll of registered graduates for the purpose of nominating three for the Court of the University. The Association decided it would be willing to supply data regarding members of the Association only.

The annual report revealed a membership of 197, a decrease of nine from the previous year. Financially there was a loss of \$23.00, and for the previous year a profit of \$184.33.

The following officers were elected. President, Dr. F. I. Tseng; Vice-President, Dr. Lee Ha-leung; Hon. Vice-President, Mr. D. J. Stoss; Committee, Dr. Liu Yan-luk, Dr. D. K. Samy, Messrs. E. Zimmerman, Tan Yik-long, H. N. Chung, K. H. Yuen, S. C. Ho; Secretary, Mr. E. Zimmerman; Treasurer, Mr. S. T. Cheung.

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Has Turkey the Key?

Turkey may hold a key to the Kremlin. As the diplomatic situation in Europe rapidly unfolds, at least a partial answer should be provided to two questions:

Does Russia intend to hold Germany in check? Or will the Soviets march with the Reich to added territorial conquests?

Turkey—as the British and French have recognised—stands in a strong position to play the broker. It has been making strenuous efforts to prevent the "Balkan Commonwealth" from collapsing under German pressure. And, despite various differences with Moscow, the Turks still carefully remember the aid of the Soviets in the founding of the present Turkish Republic.

Yet the sudden reversals of policy in the fortress that was once the Czar's, have intensified the historians' verdict that Russia is "equally difficult as a declared friend or as an undisguised foe."

This is a reservation which Turkey well understands. It

I WAS
once your enemy. I fought against you with all the energy of my young heart and body for three bitter years.

So bitter were my feelings against Britain that even when that war was over I refused to live under the British flag.

As I left my South African home to go into exile in Madagascar, I vowed that never again would I have anything to do with Britain.

And yet I have lived not only to fight for Britain in the Great War, but now to come as South Africa's representative to London to help Britain in her new struggle.

That has been the full cycle of my life—first to be your enemy, then to fight in the Great War as a colonel in command of the First Royal Scots Fusiliers, now to aid you in the fight against Hitlerism.

I am glad to come to London for a personal reason. At the earliest opportunity I am going to establish contact again with the Royal Scots Fusiliers and renew the many friendships I made in the last war.

Never have I met such fine fellows. Yet these were the same Britishers that I had once fought against in the Boer War. That was forty years ago, when I was only seventeen, and was considered too young to be enrolled as a fighter in the fight against Britain.

I Was Your Enemy

By Deneys Reitz
South African Minister
For Native Affairs

In this interview he tells how forty years ago he fought against Britain, went into exile, fought for Britain in the Great War, and has now come to London for the Empire War Conference.

President Kruger himself solved this difficulty for me. "The boy can go," he said. I started fighting earlier than that.

ONE of my most notable adventures was as a member of General Smuts's small army that invaded the Cape—the only naval engagement of the Boer War. On that occasion we fired our rifles at a British warship, which replied with her cannon.

Great Britain, after defeating us in war, treated us with a generosity unknown in history and conferred on us an even greater measure of liberty than we had enjoyed in our former republic.

In time I was persuaded by General Smuts and his wife that the offers of friendship made by our former enemy ensured the future well-being of South Africa and her peoples.

SO I returned to South Africa to play my part in the task of reconstructing the country—a task which has been nobly accomplished.

At the outbreak of the last war I was first engaged in the South-West African campaign

and later came over to France as a private with the South African forces.

Soon I found myself commanding the First Royal Scots Fusiliers, one of the oldest regiments in the British Army, which figured in some of the hottest fighting in France.

Although I was severely wounded early in 1918, I was able to return to France in time to lead my battalion in the last stages of the war, and, after the Armistice, I led my men to the Rhine.

The part South Africa played in the last war set the seal on that concept of equal partnership between the Dominions which far-seeing statesmen had envisaged.

To-day the British and Afrikaans-speaking peoples share and value the freedom which is theirs as an equal and voluntary partner in the great British Commonwealth of Nations.

South Africa is now fighting for that freedom, realising that we must use all our resources to crush the smash-and-grab policy which is now trying to dominate the world.

THE Germans are on the wrong track in assuming that there is any pro-Naziism among the Afrikaans-speaking people. Nazi broadcasting to South Africa is defeating its own ends by its flag-fetched and extravagant character.

When the Nazis, for instance, urge the Afrikaans-speaking people to "drive the English into the sea," South Africa merely laughs.

The Afrikaans-speaking people know that the British people are their fellow-partners in the South African nation, that they have a common stake in the country, and

that, to a large degree, they are in fact kith and kin. The volume of South African supplies for Great Britain and her Allies cannot be exaggerated.

THE Prime Minister, General Smuts, has announced that there is no intention of dispatching troops overseas as was done in the last war. I feel that I should emphasise here that, in so doing, South Africa is best serving the cause of the Allies.

We have to guard a country rich in precious metals, minerals and foodstuffs and strategic harbours which lie on one of the most vital sea routes.

Should the war bring in its train an African campaign, South Africa will need all her fighting resources on the spot.

From the point of view of supplies South Africa is giving invaluable aid. We are sending and will continue to send vital supplies of foodstuffs and minerals.

As an illustration of the country's eagerness to help, there is the movement initiated by the Mayor of Johannesburg to raise a fund of at least £1,000,000 for the purchase of foodstuffs for the Allies.

Again, the Mayor of Port Elizabeth is sponsoring a fund for providing a battle cruiser to be called H.M.S. South Africa.

Last September there was a sharp division of opinion over South Africa's participation in the war, but that was followed by no untoward incidents. Our Parliamentary opponents took every opportunity to advise their followers to act in a constitutional manner.

The fact that our people have now acted in the strictest spirit of Parliamentary procedure must be taken as evidence of our march to unified nationhood.

South Africa will pull her weight in many ways and my presence here in London is an earnest of our determination to do our full share in bringing victory to the Allied cause.

I'm Tired Of That Man's Face

DO you ever get tired of faces, of seeing the same faces day after day, and hearing the voice which belongs to the face saying the same things over and over again?

It may be that circumstances, such as war, now cause you to get very tired of the same faces day after day. Maybe you are in a camp, in billets, in your own home, in somebody else's home, compulsorily closeted with these same faces?

I can suggest one face less for you.

Before the war it popped at us with greater and greater frequency, in photographs, in news-reels, in drawings, in cartoons. Good, honest Left-wing folk, who never seem to tire of it, even went to the theatre to see it.

Now that face has become an absolute daily routine, making up the number at breakfast, making one extra in the railway carriage on the way to work, nosing into that odd moment of leisure in which you read the paper; even providing a laugh by means of the brilliant Fougausse posters in your club.

I complain that it is an Unnecessary Face.

Plague me, I say, with people, with taxes, with thin beer, with a pendant cardboard box, with searchlights in the garden, with secret weapons, with military muddles, even with a lack of hot ham, if you like, but take away that paunchy face, its forelock, its moustache, and the trimmings which people delight to give it.



I complain that we have seen enough photographs of this face to recognise it, and all its 12 doubles. The camera cannot lie: we do not doubt it. Let us call it quits.

I complain, with greater fervour, of the cartoonists. They have given us the Unnecessary Face in all the guises of the imagination. They have portrayed it old and young, sickly and boisterous, hatted and visored. They have varied the face by giving it the form of a hawk, a dove, a serpent, a ballet girl, an ostrich, and, most commonly, a wolf.

They have worked upon those ludicrous features with all their art. They have made them the features of a house-painter, an oppressor, a paranoiac, an airman. They are to be congratulated on their diversity of faith. But the retention of the truth makes one too many of those faces we are to see daily for the duration. Most of us are tired of it; most of us are now content to take it on trust. Away with the Unnecessary Face, we say. Draw us something sublime or ridiculous, that is grown at home.

We are told that it is much more difficult to portray something of which one is in favour. The handsome Pro. does not lend itself to the satirical pencil so easily as the ugly Con. That is an excuse given for the daily reappearance of the Unnecessary Face. It is a melancholy state of affairs, and I hope that they will find a solution before we become as tired of the face of Adolf as once we tired of Wilhelm. And do you recollect how the faces of Wilhelm and Little Willie dropped out during the course of the last war?

John Pudney

"Warfare Hard To Deal With"

Government House, Hongkong, February 24, 1937.
My dear Sir.—I doubt not that it will be a gratification to my Manx friends, to hear from the best authority, that we are all recovered from the effects of the poison, of which several hundred persons partook on the 15th January.

About 101 lbs. of arsenic had been mixed with a batch of bread issued from the largest Chinese bakery in the Colony, and the excess of the quality led to immediate alarm—application of emetics, and speedy ejection of the "poisonous stuff."

It left its effects for some days in rocking headaches, pains in the limbs and bowels, etc.

In my family, my wife, daughters, three guests, my private secretary, and myself, besides several servants, ate of the poisoned bread. Lady Bowring has been a bad case, as it is thought some of the arsenic had got into the lungs, but danger is now over. This mode of warfare is hard to deal with, and will, I am sure, excite a general sympathy and indignation. Large premiums have been offered by the mandarin to

On January 15, 1937, an attempt was made to poison the entire European colony, including the garrison, by means of arsenic in the bread issued from the principal bakery in Hongkong. The firm was known by the title of "Esing", the proprietor being a well-known comrade named Cheong Ah Lum.

The attempt failed in every case, and although two or three hundred persons partook of the poisoned bread, no lives were lost. Many suffered severely, none more so than the family of Sir John Bowring, the then Governor. Lady Bowring was particularly affected, and shortly afterwards had to be sent home, where she died a few months later.

A careful analysis of the bread showed that the poison was arsenic in the proportion of one drachm to each pound of bread; according to which about ten pounds of arsenic must have been distributed throughout the batch.

A letter from the Governor to Mr. William Kelly, of Douglas, Isle of Man, which was published in the "Liverpool Courier", deals with the attempt.

any who shall set fire to our houses, kidnap, or murder us; and many unfortunate wretches of all nations (as the hatred of the Chinese is indiscriminate) have been seized, decapitated and their heads have been exposed on the walls of Canton, their assailants having been largely rewarded;

past, and obtain securities for the future. We shall not crouch before assassination and incendiarism, you may be assured.

I did all that depended upon me to promote conciliation and establish peace. This was obviously my duty, but every effort I made was treated with scorn and repulsion. The forbearance with which the Chinese have been treated has been wholly misunderstood by them, and attributed to our apprehension of their great power, and awe of the majesty of the "Son of Heaven." So they have disregarded the most solemn engagement of treaties and looked upon us as "barbarians" who, in a moment of success, imposed conditions from which they were to escape when occasion offered, and when they could (in their judgment) safely do so.

I doubt not that Government, Parliament, and public opinion will go with us in this great struggle, and pray that my life may have been preserved for the real and enduring benefit of my country and mankind.

Ever faithfully yours,
JOHN BOWRING.

Britain After Six Months

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MEN:	
MOBILISED	1,500,000
AIRCRAFT:	
Front line strength	2,800
Number in reserve (estimated)	5,000
WAR SAVINGS:	
Certificates and Defence Bonds	£91,662,000
INCOME TAX: 7s. 6d. in the £	
LAND	Acres
PLOUGHED	11,855,000
1914-15	
MEN:	
MOBILISED	1,375,000
AIRCRAFT: ...	500
(Total in service)	
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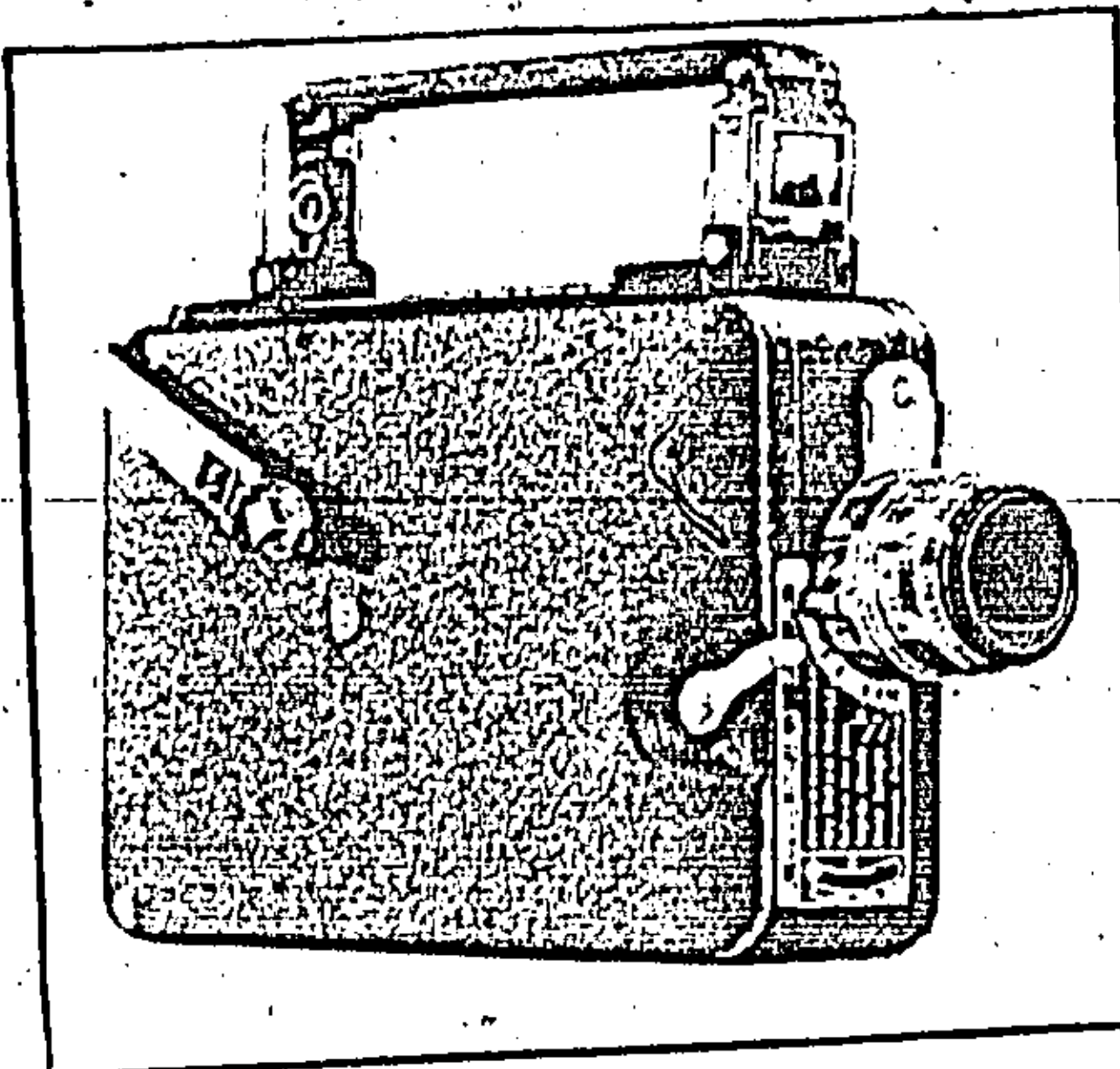
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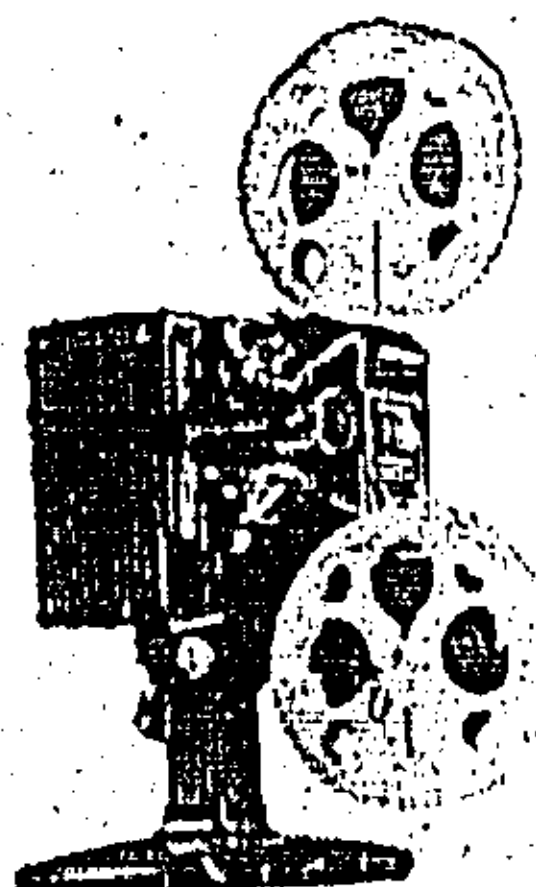
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THAT POPULAR annual sports fixture, Hongkong versus Kowloon at golf, was played on Good Friday, when, after an enjoyable day, the Kowloon representatives won. Here we see the two teams which took part in the encounter, which provided many exciting matches.—Ming Yuen.



ABOVE ARE two studies of concentrated action by young Hongkong athletes. On left, one of the competitors in the Peak School sports accomplishes a fine jump, and on the right, Poon Sai-on winning the high jump at the King's College sports.—Ming Yuen.

CHARMING STUDY of Miss Peggy Eccleshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Eccleshall of Hongkong. This studio portrait was taken by Studio De Luxe.



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Bride, bridegroom and friends gather round the huge wedding cake at the reception following the wedding last week of Mr. C. C. Kwan and Miss Sin Shuk-yin, both well-known in Hongkong.
—Meo Cheung.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY was fittingly celebrated in Hongkong this year, and here we see members of the St. Patrick's Society and the St. David's, St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies lawn bowls teams who met in a match to commemorate St. Patrick's Day. The kindred societies won the match.—Meo Cheung.



TWO PROMINENT families were united when the wedding took place last week between Dr. K. C. Lu, surgeon of the Peiping Union Medical College, and Miss Tsao Ching-hua, assistant head sister at the same institution.



TOP PICTURE shows Lady MacGregor, wife of the Chief Justice, presenting the prizes at the Peak School annual sports, which were held last week in Lady MacGregor's grounds.—Ming Yuen. Opposite, Mrs. G. C. Burnett presents the International Charity Cup to Hsu King-seng, captain of the China team which beat Scotland by 7-2 in the final on Easter Monday.—New China

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HERE IS No. 27 Company, R.A.M.C., winners of the Hongkong Small Units Rugby League for the current season. Back row, from left to right are Chandler, Minney, Wigglesworth, Mogford, Milne, Mahan, and Funnell. Middle row, Coombes, Curran, Lieut.-Col. C. O. Shackleton, Scriven, and Edgo. Front row, MacDonald, Whybro, Morgan and Pratt.—Ming Yuen.

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H.K. HAS AN ANSCHLUSS

HITLER has chosen the man who will be Nazi dictator of Britain—if Germany wins the war.

The man is Gauleiter (leader) E. Wilhelm Bohle. He will be installed in London, but the Nazis have not yet fixed his official residence, nor the date on which he will take office.

Herr Edward Kelly announces that he has been in communication with Herr Hitler on the same subject, and has pleasure in informing the Hongkong public that, as from today, he has been appointed Gauleiter of Hongkong.

He doesn't see why he should wait until Germany wins the war, especially as he has already passed half his allotted span on this earth. Besides, there is the urgent question of obtaining funds for the maintenance of his office.

Contributions will be gratefully received. GIVE NOW. REMEMBER THE GESTAPO.

ACHTUNG!

This is to notify the English swine that we've just appointed ourself Gauleiter of Hongkong.

With our own Blitzkrieg we did this thing.

We got the idea when we were reading our paper in Jimmy's yesterday. If, we said, we can have an hamburger at Jimmy's, there's no reason why we can't have a Hamburg in Hongkong.

Hitler told us to go right ahead.

He is sending us six gross Iron Crosses, 300 Mein Kampfs and a shipload of swastikas to distribute to our supporters.

We're going to start off by re-naming Hongkong.

The Peak will become Der Heil Lands.

We don't know yet whether it would be better to call the mainland Under der Kowloon or just plain Syt. People who live near the Kowloon City mud flats will naturally plump for Syt.

We've already had to sick our Gestapo on to the Editor of the "Telegraph." He objected to us calling the paper the "Zuercher Westfalsche Landeszeitung."

And Sir Vandeclaur Grayburn kicked us out of our office in the Reichsbank when we went down there to tell him we'd appointed ourself Minister for Finance.

We're going to introduce a Five Year Plan.

Our Five Year Plan will differ from Goering's.

He gave the German public gums and no butter.

We're going to give the Hongkong—sorry! Der Hitlerhaven—public gins and no bitters.

Our Chancellery will be at Der Grippe. Pedder Street, of course, become the Wilhelmstrasse.

We're not sure yet where we'll sling the Siegfried Line, but it doesn't matter much, as the imahs will continue to do our washing.

Professor Nick Korin will be appointed Conductor of the Berchtesgaden Symphony Orchestra, and will be permitted to swing the Horst Wessel Song and Deutschland Uber Alles.

ENROL IN OUR GESTAPO.

We can show you, in three easy lessons, how you may even terrorise your wife.

"THE German airman was taken prisoner, and his British pilots wind and dined him."

When I read that the other day, my thoughts went back to a moving picture I saw a few months ago. It was called "Dawn Patrol," and it was full of that sort of thing.

One scene showed a British air officer's mess in a chateau in France. Young pilots, with many a "cheerio" and "bottoms up," were knocking back double Scotchies.

Into the mess came a German air officer. He clicked his heels and bowed. It is so long since I saw and heard it, that I forget exactly what was said, but it was to this effect:

"So you're the fellow who nearly brought me down. Congratulations. Jolly good show. Have a drink, old chap."

The German bowed again. He and the British pilot touched glasses, and our flier patted him on the back.

Then they got to talking about the wickedness of war, and what a shame it was that the fine young fellows like themselves should be doing the dirty work, shooting at one another.

It was all the fault of those war-mongers at home, they agreed, and then they had another drink. The toast, I seem to remember, was "To hell with the makers of war."

The German airman then left the company, presumably to go back to clinic, and the British discussed their next bombing job.

Well, said I to myself, that is Hollywood's idea of war. In California, 8,000 miles from any possible scene of combat, you can regard an air battle as a sporting event. But, curiously, several million people in this country went to see that picture, and apparently accepted it as truth.

Donner Und Blitzen.

WHAT PRICE GLORY

AND now it turns out to be a true-up to a point. This German boy who was wind and dined by his British captors was made an honoured guest because of his courage.

When his machine was shot down he pretended to be dead until a British machine came near, then he opened fire. No doubt that took a lot of courage, but he had not quite enough courage to stick it out to the end, or he would never have been taken prisoner.

It is hardly for me to say that playing dead and then shooting was just a dirty German trick, and that if he had killed anybody he would have been an ordinary murderer. Some murderers have courage, after all. The men he was fighting were the best judges of his exploit; since they thought he was a hero then he must have been one, and they were right to stand him a feed.

But they did not go so far in the Hollywood direction as to call him a brother-in-arms and blame the people at home for causing fine young airmen to shoot one another.

We cannot have it both ways. If we are going to call war a sporting affair we cannot call it a ghastly business too. And we know that it is a ghastly business.

"Dawn Patrol" was good entertainment but it was not war. We may be sportsmen, but the Germans most certainly are not. When Lord Kitchener appeals to our sense of British fair play, as he does every other night, we know that he is trying to work a confidence trick.

There were thousands of people at a football match in Berlin the other day, and not a bomb was dropped. "One of the rules of this strange war," said the Berlin announcer, "is not to interfere with the other fellow's football game."

With the greatest respect—bunk! Do you think the swine who laid the mines that killed the babies in the Simon Bolivar would hesitate to drop a bomb on a football crowd if they could do it and get away with their lives?

When the crew of a captured submarine were landed in Britain the other day they were cheered by a crowd.

I suppose it would have been unsporting to boo or hiss them; but I should like to know how a German crowd would address a British crew landed as prisoners in Germany.

It seems that such good-will can be overdone. A social "half-fellow-well-met" atmosphere can have no part in a conflict that has already produced unscrupulous ruthlessness on Hitler's part.

We shall never destroy the menace in Europe while we wear kid-gloves. There has always been a certain amount of Hollywood stuff in war. The most egregious Hollywoodian, 200 years ago, was the French officer who, when the French and British troops were drawn up in battle line, invited the British to fire the first volley.

What did his own troops think of him when their comrades began to fall?

In the last war many people in this country took a romantic view of the Germans, but changed their minds later and became realists.

One realist overstepped the mark. He was Havelock Wilson, head of the Seamen's Union. When the U-boats were murdering British sailors wholesale, he swore that when the war was over no British ship would ever go to the aid of a German ship in distress. Everybody must have known that such a threat would never be carried out, but it seemed a good idea at the time, and it was a great deal more sensible than giving a U-boat captain a pat on the back and a big cigar—which some sportsmen would like to do.

Wilson spoke in anger, but he had something to be angry about. And so have we.

Thought for To-day

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me. Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High. What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. —Psalm 56—1, 2, 3, 4.

OF COURSE YOU KNOW BUT ARE YOU SURE?

1.—Geneva, in addition to housing a defunct League of Nations, has a drink named after it. This was:

Gin; rum; claret; ginger-lemon; bootleg; lemonade.

2.—Who made famous the phrase "take up the white man's burden"?

Edmund Kelly; Rudyard Kipling; Noel Coward; the Kaiser; Abraham Lincoln; Lloyd George.

3.—The largest active—not quiescent—volcanic crater in the world is:

Hecla, Iceland; Etna, Sicily; Kilauea, Hawaii; Ngauruhoe, New Zealand; Fujiyama, Japan.

4.—The old master whose work, above all else, indicates that he liked his models to be sleek and well-fed was:

Van Dyck; Raphael; Rubens; Memling; van Eyck; Leonardo; Rembrandt.

5.—City of Dreaming Spires is the name which poets use when they talk about:

Agra; Paris; Oxford; Edinburgh; Adelaide; Dublin.

6.—You can drink all these—if you're tough enough—except one, which you can eat. That one is:

Pulque; pisco; mescal; pilaf; sake; koumiss.

7.—Some day someone is going to ask you what olla podrida is, and you will be wrong if you do not say it is (apart from being a miscellany):

A dress worn by Belgian peasant women; a stew; a narcotic herb; an Italian wine.

8.—Hongkong motorists travelling in the United States find things a bit awkward at first because:

Each State has its own traffic laws; the roads are the

worst in the world; the cars have a left-hand drive; the traffic cops are too tough.

9.—Those disastrous explosions in coal mines are usually caused by:

Poor ventilation; an excess of nitrogen; a deficiency of oxygen; the presence of methane gas.

10.—A game called sphairistike was introduced into England not so very many years ago and has now become one of the most popular of all outside pastimes. We know it today as:

Cricket; football; baseball; lawn tennis; polo.

11.—Father Christmas, is a survival of:

A legendary Druidical leader; a pre-Christian King of Greece; the Roman god of charity; Saint Nicholas.

12.—How about buying the mother-in-law a saviour? In case you're still a bit hazy, a saviour is:

A house-gown; an ice-cream made in France; a scrubbing brush; a long necktie; an occasional table.

13.—Or if you think a saviour would not match your mother-in-law, a piece of Satsuma might fill the bill. Satsuma is:

Japanese lacquer; Chinese silk; Japanese pottery.

14.—Salitre was the stock-in-trade of these authors, with one exception. The exception is:

Thackeray; Shaw; Hugo; Swift; Voltaire.

15.—When it's 10 a.m. in Hongkong, the time in Helsingfors, Finland, is about:

1 am; 2 am; 4 a.m.; 6 a.m.

16.—A febrifuge is:

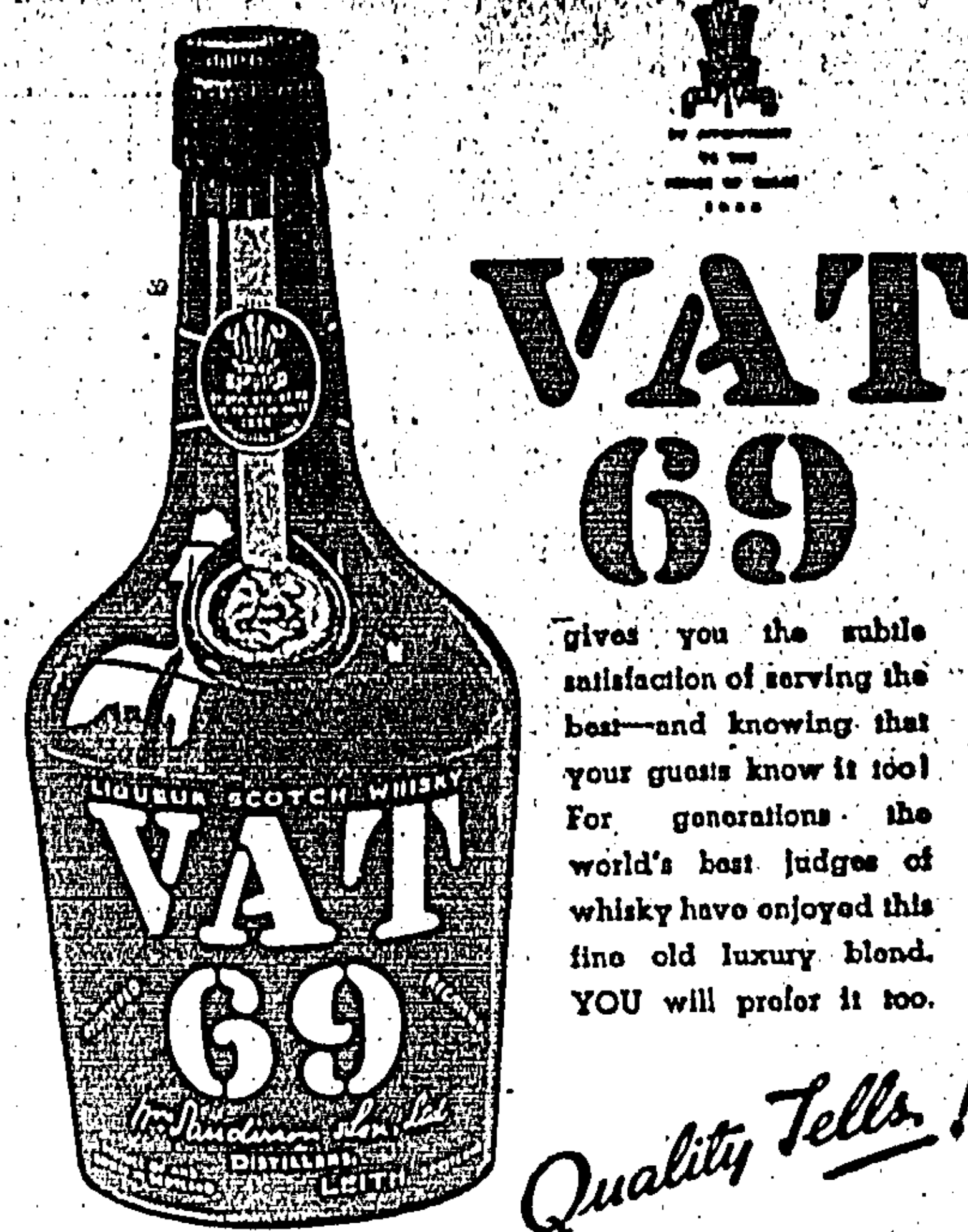
An English meadow flower; a drug for allaying fever; an underhand trick; a hairless tropical baboon; a floor covering.

17.—The title pundit, as originally used, applies to:

A political bureaucrat; a loud-voiced office-seeker; a corrupt political leader; a Hindu scholar; an Indian prince with absolute powers.

18.—Needless to say, you know that when the bugler sounds Retreat in camp:

Answers on Page 8.



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All About Sweet Fanny Adams

VOLUNTEERS, attention! Who was sweet Fanny Adams? Who napoo'd the gippa? What is an ooljboo?

These questions are not for old sweats. They know. Too well they know. So ally toot sweet, old sweats, and give the rookies a chance.

One of the first things a young soldier has to learn is the language. In the last war he not only took over all the British Army lingo of the wars before that, but he invented a language of his own.

It is too early in the present war or him to have invented much in his line. "Naffy" is probably the last of the 1939 words. It means no N.A.A.F.I. canteen. A century hence professors will be arguing about what "naffy" means. Any Tommy could tell them now.

Tommy knows what "Fanny Adams" means. It means a sally nothing. But he has forgotten who she was.

She was the belle of the village of Alton in Hampshire long ago. Her body was found in the river there, and her murderer was never discovered. From then till now "Sweet Fanny Adams" has meant something that didn't amount to anything.

"Napoo" is short for "il n'y en a plus," which is French for "that's all there is; there isn't any more." Anything that is napoo'd is done for. The bloke who napoo'd the gippa is the fellow who spilled the gravy.

As for ooljboo, it means gad-get, thingamabob, whatelamacallit. "Ooljboo" was one of the most useful words in the last war.

"Archie" for anti-aircraft gun—seems to have gone out of fashion. People call them A.A. guns nowadays. But in the last war they were always Archies.

★ WHEN a young airman writes home to his mother that a pal has gone harpo and piled up his bus she may be clever enough to guess that he has lost his nerve

and crashed. In the last war it took a long time for mothers and wives to translate the soldiers' letters. They went round asking: "What are cooties? What's a tall box? What is buckshee?" Of course, by the end of the war most civilians knew such words, but they had to be learned slowly.

This strange war is different. It has hardly got going before a war slang dictionary is available. Called "The Soldiers' War Slang Dictionary," it is published by P. Werner Laurie at 6d.

Here are some samples from it: Apron—Wire fence.

Burgoo—Porridge.

Birdcage—Barbed wire.

Biscuits—Army Mattresses.

Bloke—A Glass of Beer.

Bunce—Something for Nothing.

Cap Badge—A Meat Bone.

Char—Ten.

Comic Cuts—Divisional Orders.

Canteen Medals—Drippings of Beer on Tunic.

Edge—Egg.

Erfs—Eggs.

Flvo Miles Sniper—Artillery Mon.

Flzza—Parade.

Hate—Bombardment.

Hot Cross Bun—Ambulance.

Myrrh—Rum.

Pongelaw—Beer.

Seroung—Obtain.

Tails up—Cheerful.

—Eggs and Bacon.

The dictionary is not complete. I cannot find "wangle" or "brass" in it. Nevertheless, civilians will find it useful, and even a young soldier may find room for it in his joy-bag—if you know what that is.

★ AND now I suggest that there ought to be a book of soldiers' songs.

I don't mean "Tipperary" and the "The Safford Line" and all that sort of thing, but the songs the soldiers made up for themselves. Some of them, of course, are unprintable. There was one that began:

Poor Kaiser Bill is feeling ill, The Crown Prince, he's gone barmy.

Few of them were even as patriotic as that and none was so bloodthirsty as the songs that helped to keep the home front cheerful. Tommy was partial to hymn tunes and borrowed an aged one to fit the words:

We are Fred Karno's Army The bloomin' A.S.C.

We can't fight, we cannot shoot.

What earthly use are we? Another hymn tune was used for "When This Cruel War Is Over, No more Soldering For Me." It was nearly as popular as "If The Sergeant Steals Your Rum, Never Mind."

The Sergeant-major was the hero of many trench songs. For example:

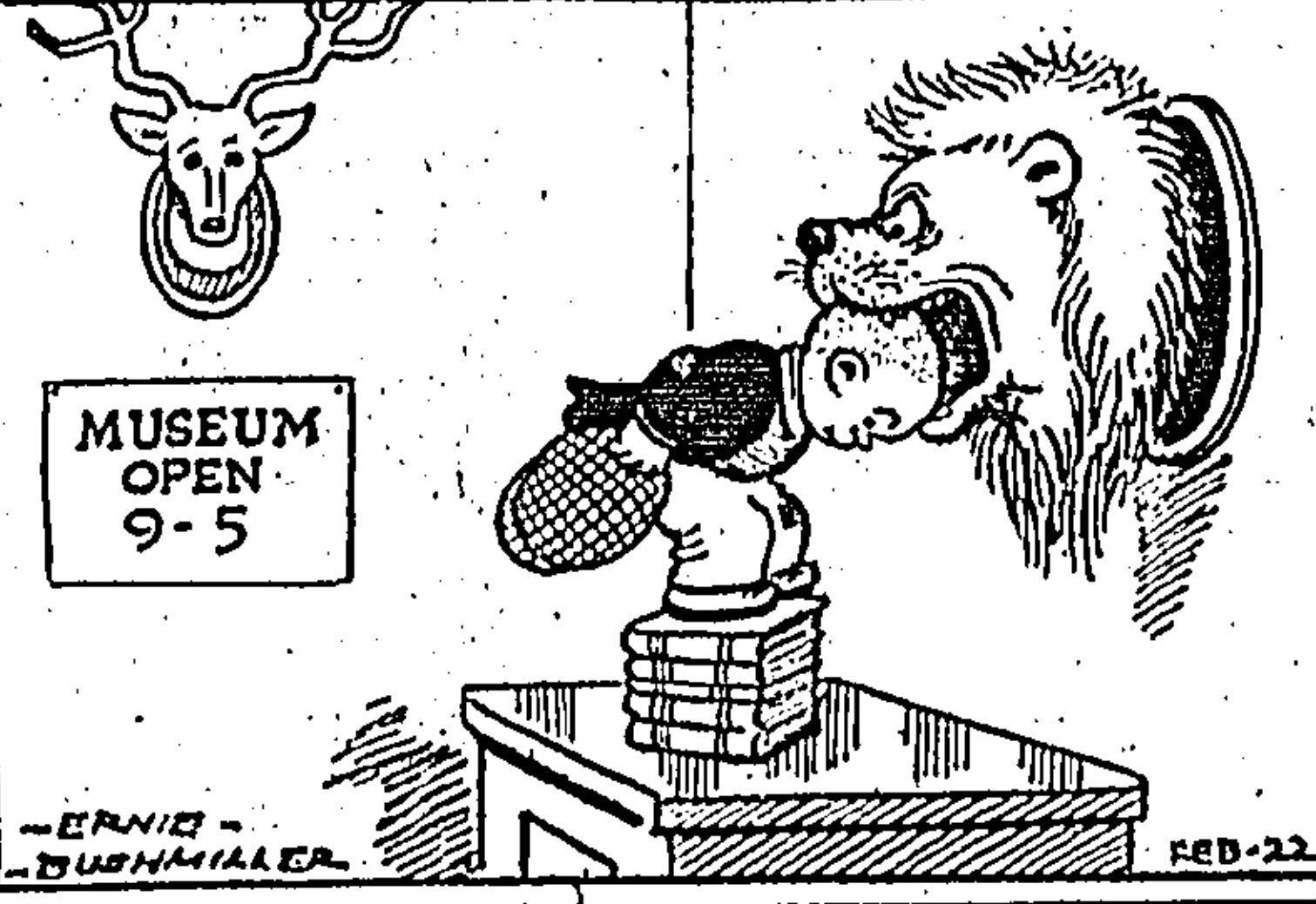
If you want to find the Sergeant-major, I know where he is, he's boozing up the private's rum.

I've seen him, I've seen him, Boozing up the private's rum.

But I don't suppose they're singing these songs in France this time. They are making up their own, even as their daddies did.

H. W.

NANCY



NO FOOD SHORTAGE

British Minister's Encouraging Promise

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Ministry of Food, has announced that no matter how long the war lasts Britain will have enough food.

According to Mr. Lennox-Boyd the stocks of food to-day are far greater than they were before the war broke out.

He says that Britain can face the future with confidence and courage.

Whatever the future may hold and however long the war may last, he said, we can guarantee enough food to maintain life in all its vigour.

Keeping Prices Down

At the same time justice was being done to the poorer classes.

The Government, he said, was spending a great deal of money to keep the prices down. For instance between £300,000 and £400,000 were being spent each week to keep down the price of flour and bread.

It cost about the same to keep the meat prices down and £250,000 to keep down the price of milk.

The Government, however, look on butter in a different light. Some people have complained that the price of butter should have been reduced when the ration was doubled.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd points out margarine as an adequate substitute.

Although Government were prepared to spend to keep the prices of essentials, such as meat and flour, down, he said, the Government question whether this procedure is justified in the case of luxury which was a good alternative.

MEETING POSTPONED

Owing to the lack of a quorum, the annual general meeting of the Diocesan Boys' School Old Boys' Association, arranged for yesterday, had to be postponed to April 23 at 5.30 p.m. The venue for the meeting will be announced later.

Saito Boomerang Dispute Splits House Into Factions

Tokyo, Mar. 29. As an outcome of the internal friction and spillover engendered in political parties through the expulsion of Mr. Takao Saito, veteran Minseitō member, from the House of Representatives on March 7, important re-alignments are forecast in parliamentary circles, notably in the Rightist and Labour wings.

A league for successfully carrying out the holy war organisation formed by members of the Diet who voted for the expulsion of Mr. Saito and certain Minseitō members who support the Army policies, is now active in recruiting members of all factions who favour a strong attitude towards Britain and the United States. The aim is to form a strong new Rightist Party which will oppose the policy of "cringing" to the democracies and advocate strong measures should either Britain or the United States pressure the Wang Ching-wai regime.

Broadly speaking, the action of the majority of members of the House of Representatives in forcing the expulsion of Mr. Saito in defiance to pressure from the Government and Army and in contradiction to the constitutional rights of the House, has had the expected effect of bringing the political parties into greater disrepute than over and spilling them into small factions which will tend to render them futile and powerless for some time to come.—Reuter.

Stock Exchange Is Quietly Firm

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange textiles and rayon shares chiefly featured, in today's quietly firm markets.

Well Street was irregular.

Husband, Wife And The Other Woman Lived In Same House For Months

MR. JUSTICE HENN COLLINS remarked in the London Divorce Court recently that a case before him had disclosed "a very strange sort of domestic life."

He dismissed a petition by Mrs. Emily Ada How, of Westbury Road, Ilford, for the dissolution of her marriage on the ground of the adultery of her husband, Mr. James William How, with Mrs. Beatrice Edwards, who intervened in the suit. The case was contested.

Mr. and Mrs. How were married at Ely in August, 1915, and have one child, a son. They lived at Cauldwell Avenue, Ipswich.

Mrs. How's case was that in 1938 her husband, a builder and decorator, became friendly with Mrs. Edwards, and in October, 1938, she (Mrs. How) left home. Adultery was alleged to have been committed by Mr. How and Mrs. Edwards at his house in Ipswich and at Felixstowe.

The charge was not denied by Mr. How and Mrs. Edwards, but it was pleaded that Mrs. How connived at the adultery.

No Sort Of Disguise

Mr. Justice Henn Collins, giving judgment, said that the case was exceptional—at any rate, he hoped it was—for it disclosed a very strange sort of domestic life. It was common ground that Mrs. Edwards was living with Mr. How as his mistress for several months during which Mrs. How was a member of the household. There was no sort of disguise about the situation between Mr. How and Mrs. Edwards.

Mr. How had informed his wife that a doctor had told him that he must have a mistress, take drugs or undergo an operation, and Mrs. How said that she believed that statement.

She was deeply attached to her husband, an attachment which, in the circumstances, the judge found, must have been merely companionate. Mr. How was deeply attached to his wife.

Garden Conference

The story told on the other side was that Mrs. How said that it might be a way out of the difficulty if her husband took Mrs. Edwards as his mistress. She suggested that her husband and Mrs. Edwards should talk it over in the garden, and they did so.

"Reluctant as I am to believe that the state of things which undoubtedly did exist was brought about by the wife's consent," added the judge, "I am satisfied that it was so."

He would like to say that I do not think that Mrs. How realised what the repercussions or the consequences to her were likely to be.

"Mr. and Mrs. How gave me the impression of being a couple with mutual trust and confidence, and it is inconceivable that a woman of her years and experience—if she did not

believe, to withdraw from Bohemia and Moravia and evacuate some of that part of Poland now held by the German Army.

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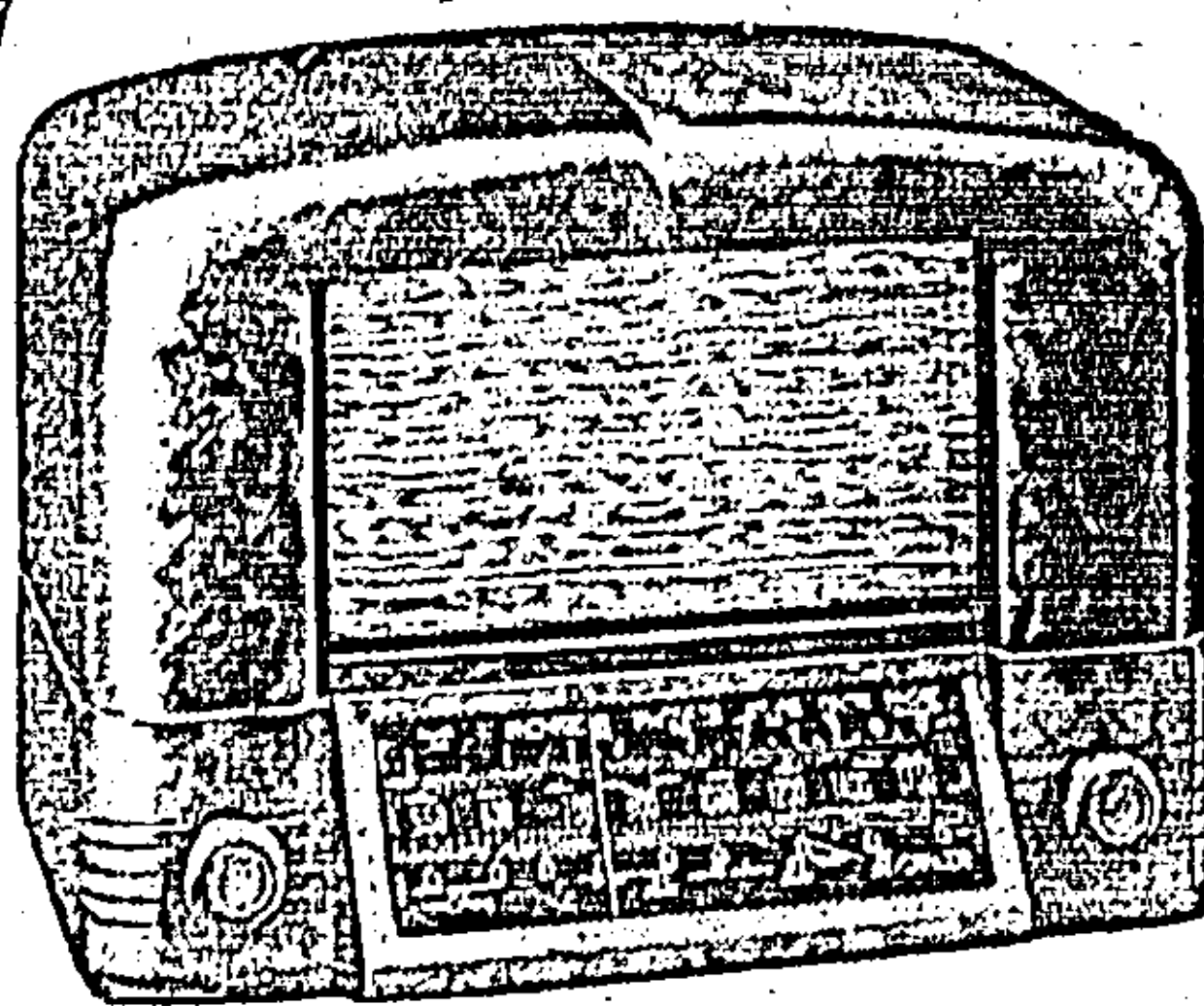


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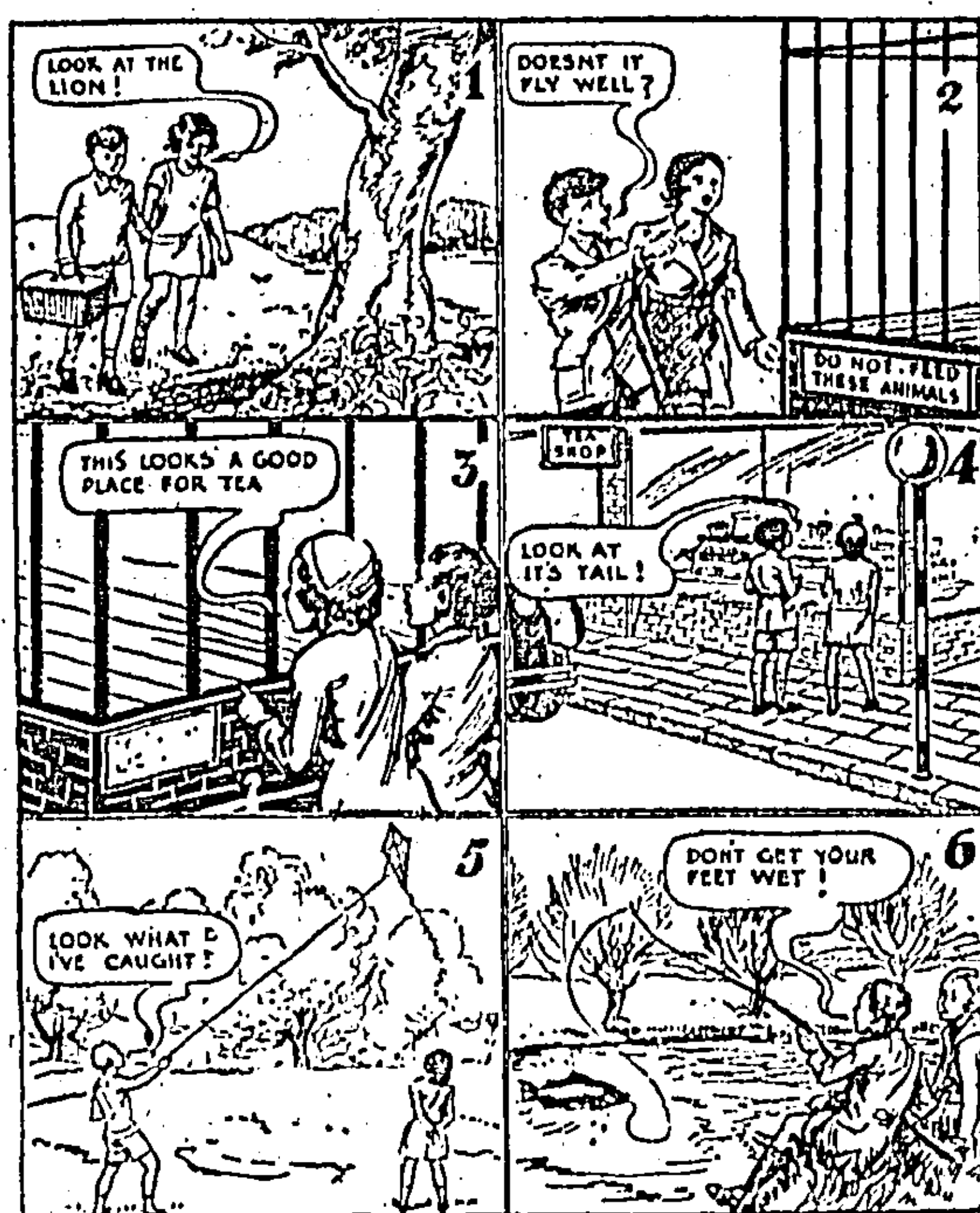
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Ruby Ching: Welcome as a new member to our Boys' and Girls' Corner.

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ITALIAN OPERA

Choral Group To Present "Cavalleria Rusticana"

Hongkong will have an opportunity of hearing one of the most popular Italian operas of the day when the Choral Group presents "Cavalleria Rusticana," by Pietro Mascagni, early in May. The production will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first production of the piece in Rome in 1890.

Rehearsals, under the direction of Maestro Elisio Gualdi, have been proceeding for the past four months, and the production now awaits only the finishing touches.

The principal parts in the opera are being taken by Mr. Gaston D'Aquino (Turiddu), Miss Chun Mei-lan (Santuzza), Mr. Harry Talbot (Alfo), Miss Carmen Silva (Lola) and Mrs. Gertrude Goddard (Mamma Lucia). The chorus consists of more than 40 voices, while musical support will be given by a 20-piece orchestra under Professor E. Pellegatti.

The production will be in aid of Lady Pollock's Food Kitchen for refugees and destitute, the Foreign Auxiliary of the Chinese Red Cross, the Boys and Girls' Clubs, the Agricultural School for Refugee Students and the Chungshan Refugee Fund (in memory of the late Mr. Li Chorch).

Arrangements for the theatre are being made, and the dates of production will shortly be announced.

In Aid Of Charity

The charity performance of the operetta "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," given by the pupils of the French Convent at Causeway Bay, concluded yesterday. There was a large attendance, and during the intervals there were songs, recitations, and piano solos.

ing, but what they say does not fit that picture but one of the others. What you have to do is to fit the right words to the right picture by cutting them out and writing the correct number beneath.

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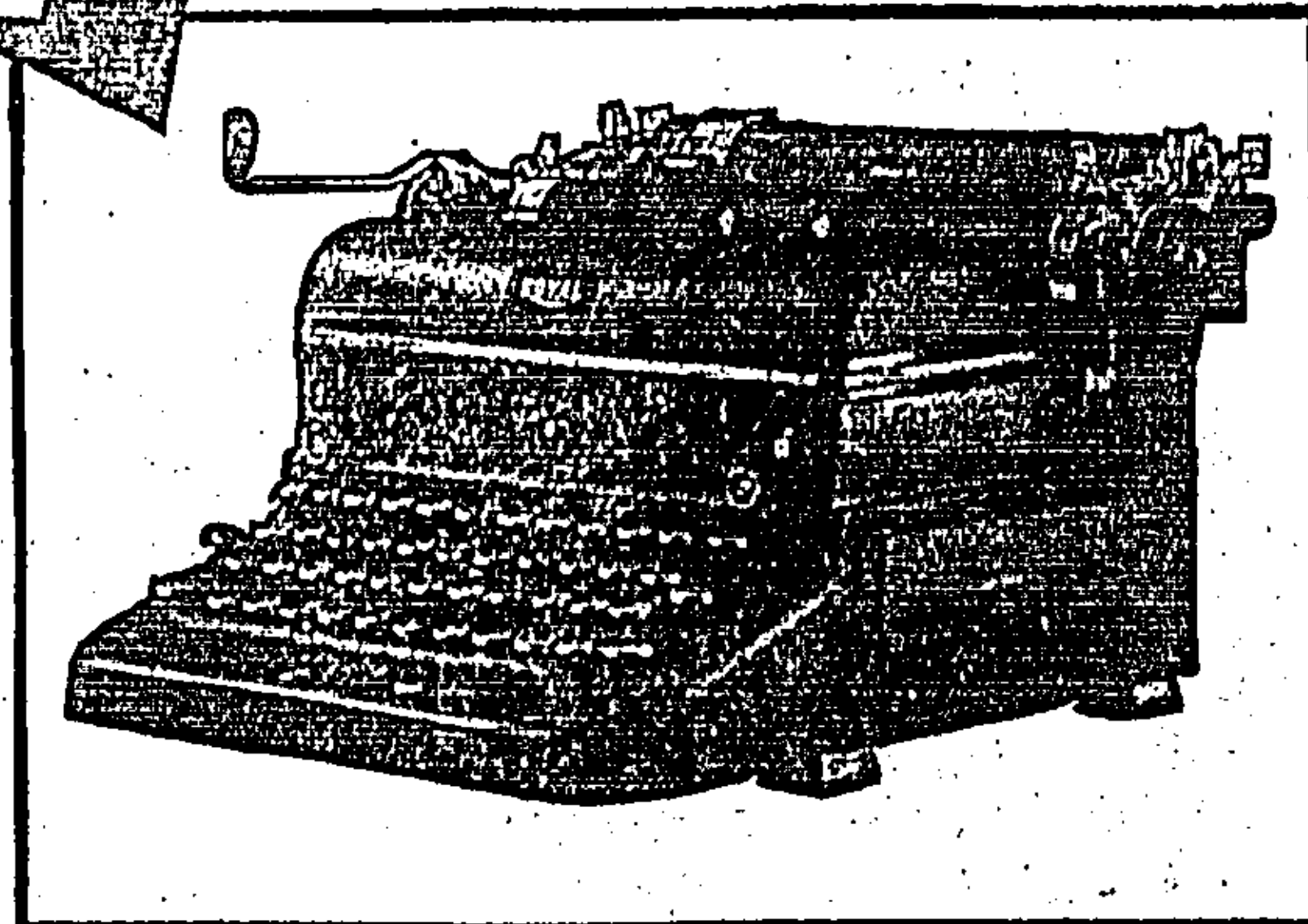
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was a gala night at the Balalaika, one of the gayest restaurants in the gay of Neva which within ten years was rechristened twice but in the early mer of 1914 was still St. Petersburg. To the patrons and the musicians it was a night because the younger daughter of akov, beloved leader of the orchestra, was to make her debut as a singer. To Batoff, the victor, it was important because he knew Cossocks, dashing young Prince Peter agin at their head, were riding in from the and would spend many hours and many, y roubles at the Balalaika.

But within the orchestra there was a little up bitter and resentful.

"Last time they came in from terrorising the ants, the party went on for five days and nights," wled a young man.

"Sure, Anton," said Leo. "Wasting the workers' bles."

"It makes me sick," said Dimitri Marakov, "to be my own sister singing for a bunch of drunken

"Careful, son," said Marakov gently. "I know w you feel. But we must live. Our real work lls for many sacrifices. This is gallant but it is nothing to what we may have to bear some day. e must not arouse suspicion. Lydia must appear ight on the stage—yes. That is all. She will i join in their revelry."

Lydia agreed with her father. But her beauty, r singing, her acting was so captivating that the Cos- cken, watching from a private room, almost forgot air drinks and quite forgot the pretty, expensively esed girls who had joined them for their gay party. Batoff hurried back to Lydia's dressing-room and id her the officers had commanded she join their rty.

"And don't try beg off," he id in a harsh ae. "They can eek up my ce if they don't ve their way ill be on their de. That's not all. You can ver sing in St. Petersburg—in i Russia, once you are in their ack books. If you refuse, I throw u and your family—you're all o proud anyway—but I'll tell e world why."

Lydia was one who thought slyly and clearly.

"All right," she said quietly. "I'll

The acting which she had done n the stage was that of a rank mateur compared to the exhibi- ion she gave at the party. She us gay and seemed not only eared with too obvious empli- ents but eager for more. She allowed herself to be lifted to a ble, to be toasted by the officers aid to toast them in return. Then



BALALAIKA

suddenly in the middle of a sen- tence she stopped and stared long and intently at one of the men. "Sol—It's—you!" The words seemed choked out rather than spoken. She drew herself up and went on: "I ask your pardon, ladies and gentlemen, for intro- ducing a sombre note into your lovely party. But you will under- stand and know why. I can not stay any longer when I tell you that though this man may have forgotten my little sister, I have not. While I live I will remember and grieve for my beloved Masha who died of a broken heart. I can not be the death's head at the feast. Thank you—and au revoir."

Lydia's sobs were not the only ones to be heard as she ran from

the room. The old formula of beauty in distress, whether real or simulated, had worked again. Only Prince Peter Karagin, who had been in the back of the room seeing but unseen, was skeptical. He left the room and went directly to Batoff. By adroit questioning he learned that Lydia had never had a sister.

"I'm glad you liked her," said Batoff. "She is charming. She has only two faults. She's too intel- lual and she likes my lower class of patrons—the kind who buy one beer in an evening. And when she leaves here she'll be going to that dump of Slaski's where ar- tists and students hang out. Nice girl—but queer, when you con-

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sider the chances her beauty would bring her."

Peter was smiling, as he left the restaurant and went to his quar- ters. He had learned more than he could have hoped for. He was smiling more that night when he went to bed and when he awoke he began singing a gay song.

"Glad to see you in such fine form," came a voice from the door.

"Father!" cried Peter. "I called on you about four this morning. Of course you weren't in. Evident- ly, you're in fine form, yourself."

I can stay only a minute, Peter. I just wanted to ask if you noticed any unrest during manoeuvres. This isn't a routine question. This paper was found in the kit of Sergeant Gregory Pavlovitch. It reads: 'Soldiers! You are the army! The army is yours! Rise against Karagin, the butcher!' I don't like being called a butcher for doing my duty to the Czar, but personalities don't count. This is treason. Keep your eyes open and your ears."

"Of course, Father," said Peter. "We found this and the man who had it. But we can't discover where this and other leaflets of its kind are printed. These men, when caught, will stand anything, even death. But they will not talk."

The news about the leaflet caused more

concern in the Marakov home than it had in the palace of Prince Karagin. Leo brought the story into that after- noon.

There were two pianes in the room. Dimriti was playing on one. The other gave out no music and never would. It contained a minia- ture printing press. Anton was working it. There was a sudden silence in the room after Leo had spoken. He was the one to break it.

"We must do something," he said. Grabbing one of the leaflets which Anton had taken from the press he read in a mocking tone: 'Workers! Peasants! Soldiers! Or- ganise for a bloodless revolution. We talk like that. But they talk with knouts and gallows and bul- lets. And they talk lust.'

"We are not nihilists and mur- derers," said Marakov. "We will not let our just cause be stolen

from us by men of hatred and violence."

Leo, pacing up and down the room, stopped suddenly by the window. He beckoned to the others to look.

"We're being watched," he said, indicating a young man dressed like a student.

"Oh, we're safe from him," said Lydia, laughing. "Except he may try to graft. Last night he sat at my table at Slaski's and ordered champagne—said it was his birth- day and his aunt always sent him money for a feast on that day. Then he discovered, of course, he'd left his money at home. I had drunk one glass, so I shamed him by paying for it and saying a few sarcastic things. He's from the provinces—says he has a voice and wants to cultivate it."

"A plot!" declared Dimitri. "Somebody suspects us. He poses as a musician to get in and spy on us."

Prince Peter Karagin started to cross the street.

"I'll tend to him," said Lydia. "Go back all of you."

She opened the door from the hall to the street.

"So you found where I live, Mr. Taranda," she said, "and came un- invited."

"But of course," he said. "Please hold out your hand. I want to re- pay what you so kindly lent me last night."

At that moment Mr. Marakov opened the door and came into the hall. Lydia presented "Mr. Taran- da" to him.

"I deem myself especially for- tunate in meeting you, Mr. Mara- kov," said Peter. "I want to take singing lessons. That is, I do if professionals say my voice is read- ily good. It is hard to get expert judgment in the country. Perhaps you will be good enough to advise me."

"I am always glad to be of help to any young person interested in music," said Mr. Marakov. "Won't you come into the music room?" Peter was introduced to the others in the room. They seemed casual in their politeness but a sharp observer would have seen they were observing him keenly.

But when at Mr. Marakov's re- quest he sang—he chose the Volga Boat Song—they relaxed a trifle. He had a magnificent voice!

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semble but before the aristocrats he groveled because he could do nothing else and hold his position.

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He listened to what Peter had to say.

"Your Highness knows I would jump naked through hoops of fire to be of service to you," he said in a deferential tone. "But already we have sixty voices too many in the Opera all feminine and all

friends of distinguished patrons.

"Make it sixty-one, Dunchenoff," broke in Peter. "One more or less doesn't matter and anyway, this girl is different. She really has a voice and everything else it takes for operatic work."

"They always have. Your High- ness. But I draw my salary from the directors and they have said they will have no more magpies among the Imperial nightingales. May I suggest that instead of a solo you offer the young lady a string of pearls or perhaps a small tiara would be as well."

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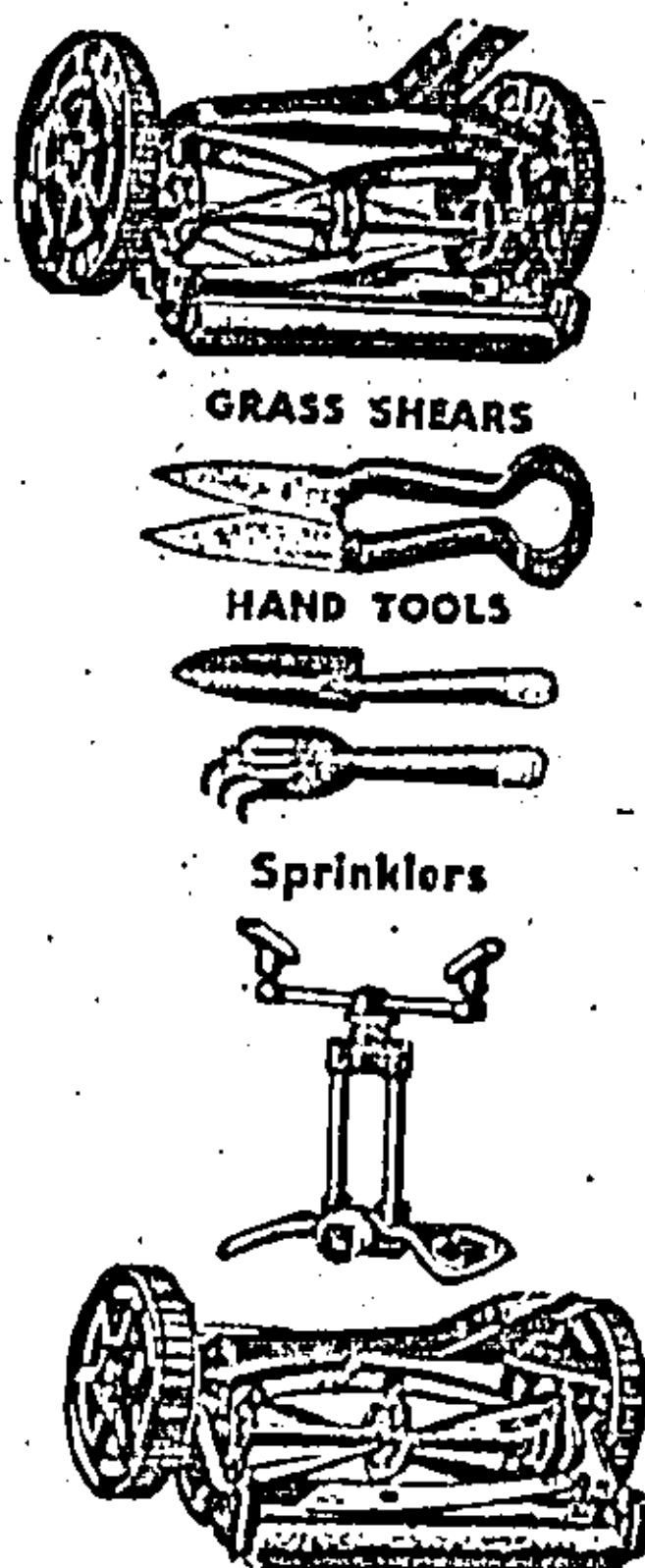
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7.30 London Relay—The News.

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—Hermann Lohr Medley, Caprice Viennese, Serenade, Funeral March of a Marionette and Nola.

2.02 Selections from "The Damask Rose", "The Arcadians", "Paganini" and "A Country Girl".

2.30 Close down.

7.0 Hiert—Escapes—Orchestra Des Concerts Straram under Walther Straram.

7.17 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor)—My Song Goes Round The World, "Smile" Through, Only A Rose, Rio Rita, with Orchestral accompaniment.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Mozart—Symphony in G Major ("Jupiter")—Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

8.31 Two Shells Songs by Marian Anderson (Contralto).

8.37 Schubert—Andantino Varié (In B Minor), Op. 84, No. 1—Piano Duet by Arthur Schnabel and Karl Ulrich Schnabel.

8.45 Studio—Talk by Brigadier General Reeve on "The War".

9.05 Violin Solos by Henri Temlanika with Piano accomp. by Franz Reizenstein.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Despatch from the Front".

9.45 Handel—Casadesus Concerto in B Minor—William Primrose (Viola) and Chamber Orchestra led by Jean Pouget and conducted by Walter Gohr.

10.02 Organ Music by Reginald Goss-Custard at the Organ of Kingsway Hall, London, and G. D. Cunningham at the Organ of Kingsway Hall, London.

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10.35 Close down.

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3—Crime

4—That man

5—Cause to go without

6—You and I

7—Long day

8—Operate auto

9—Price of service

10—British cabinet member

11—Girl

12—Cross stream

13—Trap

14—Crime

15—Wrath

16—Devised

17—Vegetables

18—Nerve

19—Prohibit

20—Vegetable

21—Chief actor

22—Skill

23—Best for crossing stream

24—Beylie (Scottish)

25—Associate of Irish

26—Frightened

27—The (French)

28—Examine

29—Winged

30—Told (Hebrew)

31—Perused

DOWN

1—Avarice

2—Chinese measure

3—Riddle

4—Legal paper

5—Art widely

6—Metric measure

7—I would

8—Expresses

9—You

10—Wild part

11—Turning point

12—Require

13—Well arrangements

14—Easy-going

15—Wood

16—Nostril

17—Goldsmith of destiny

18—Dark fox

19—Attention

20—Round receptacle

21—Weapon

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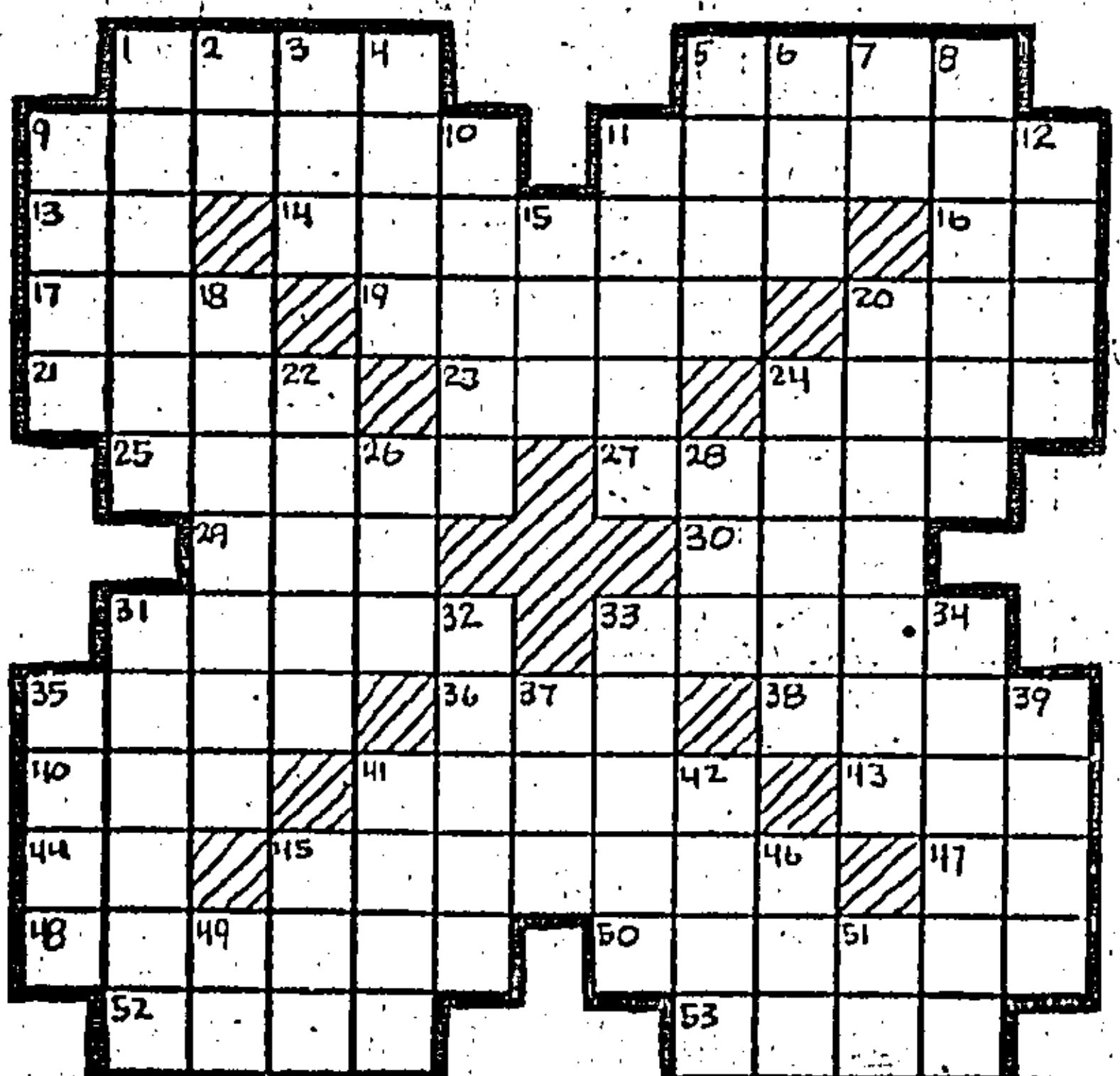
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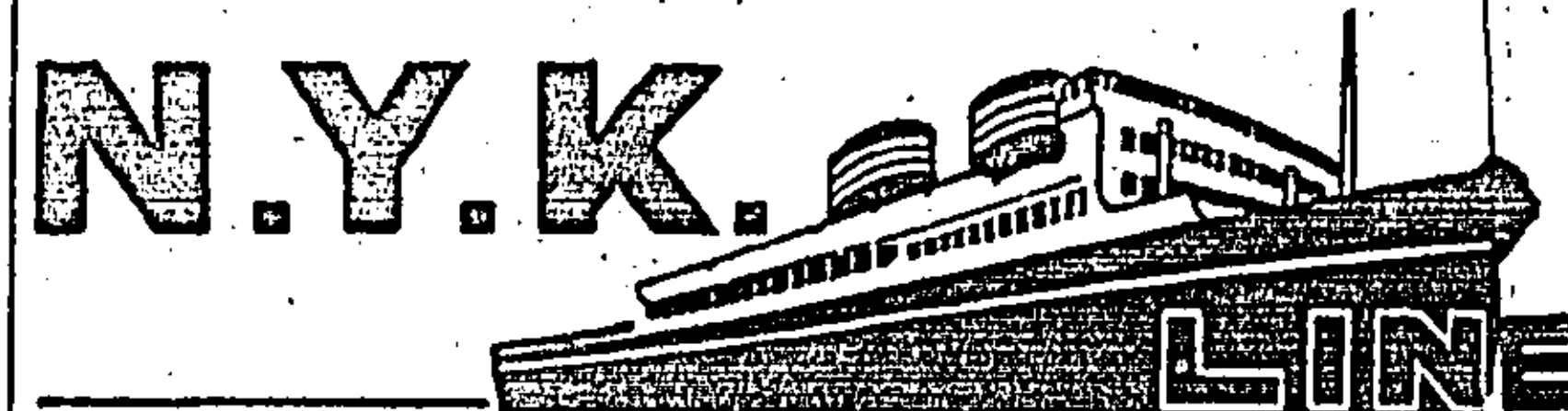
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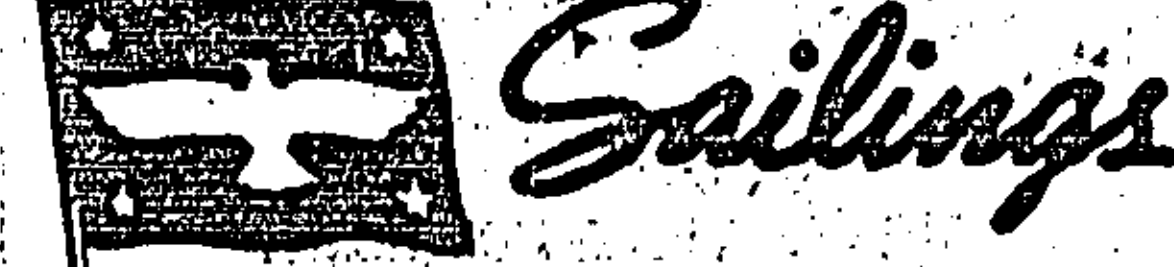
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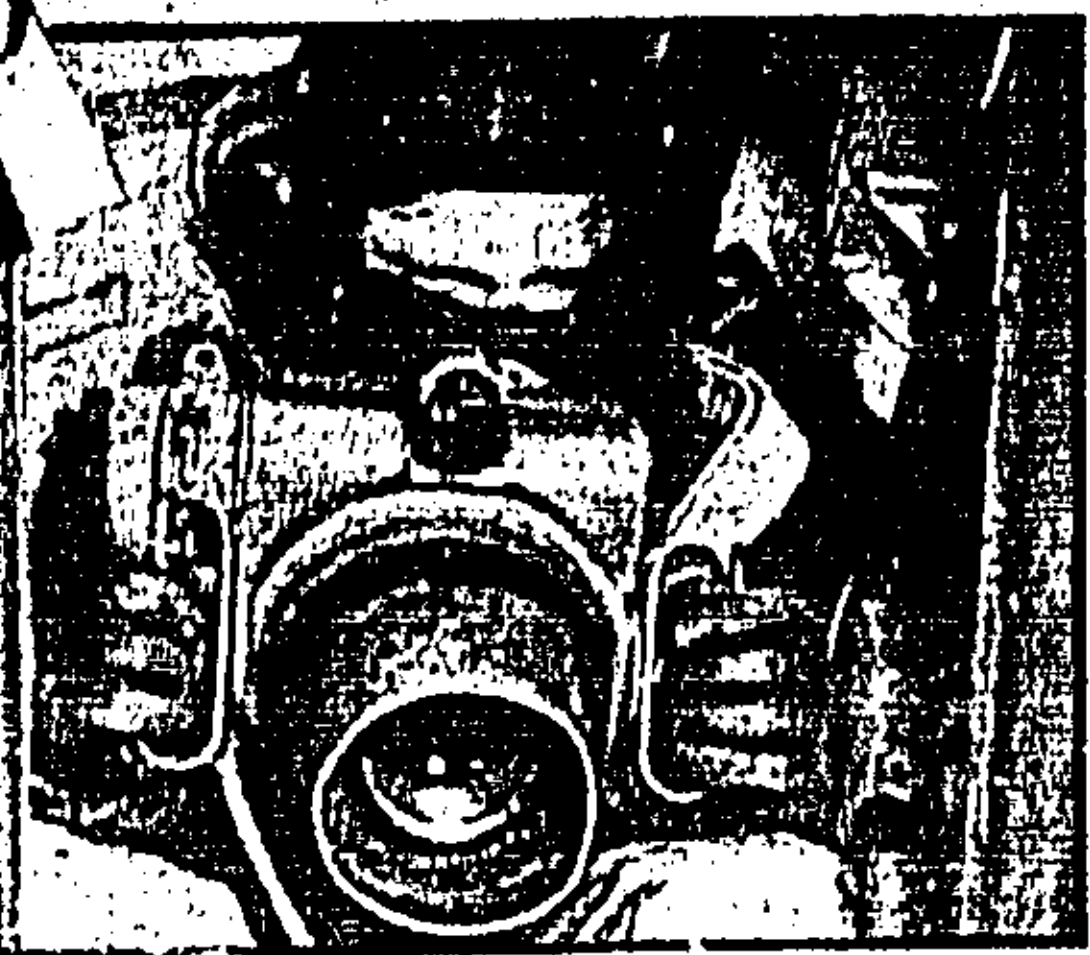
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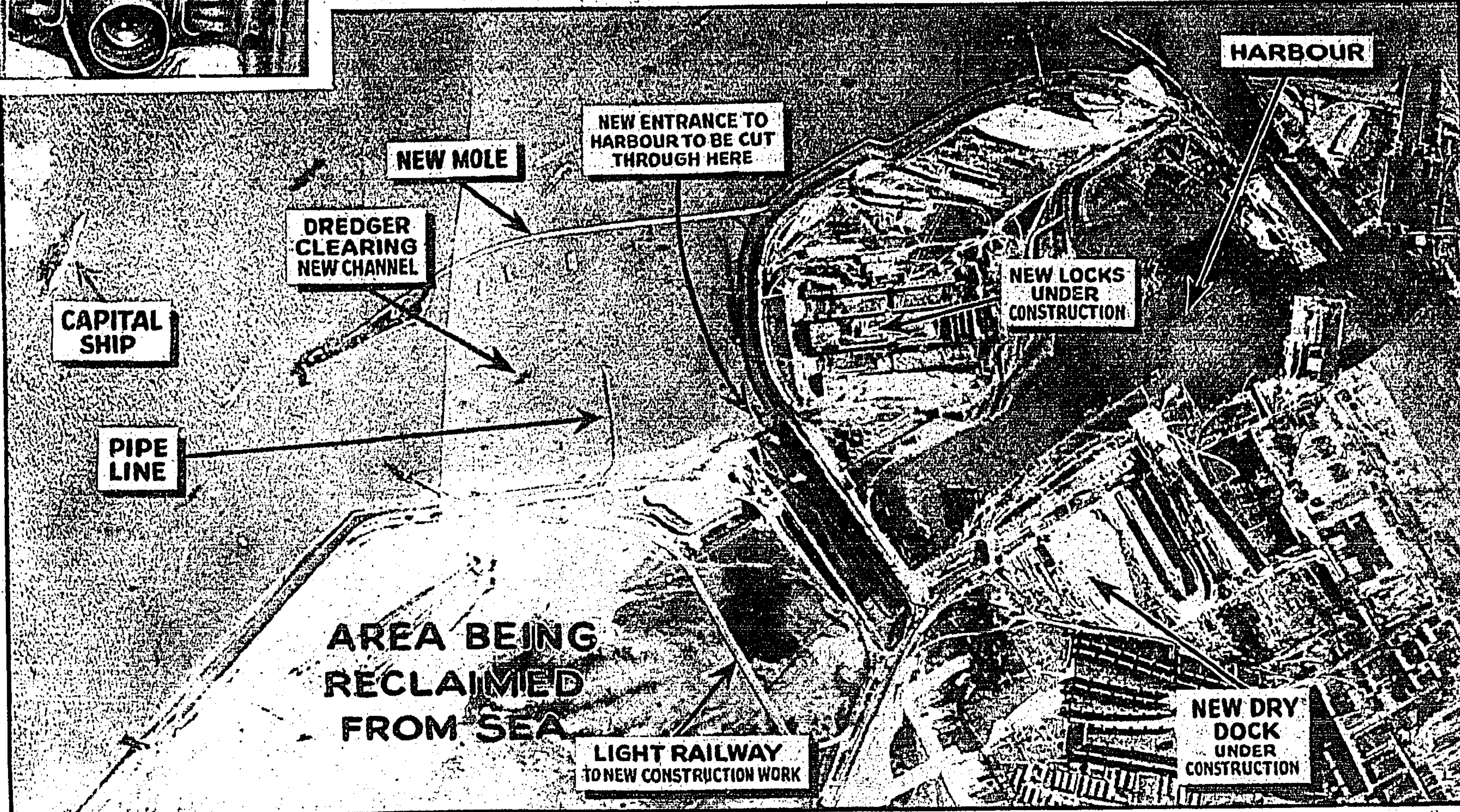
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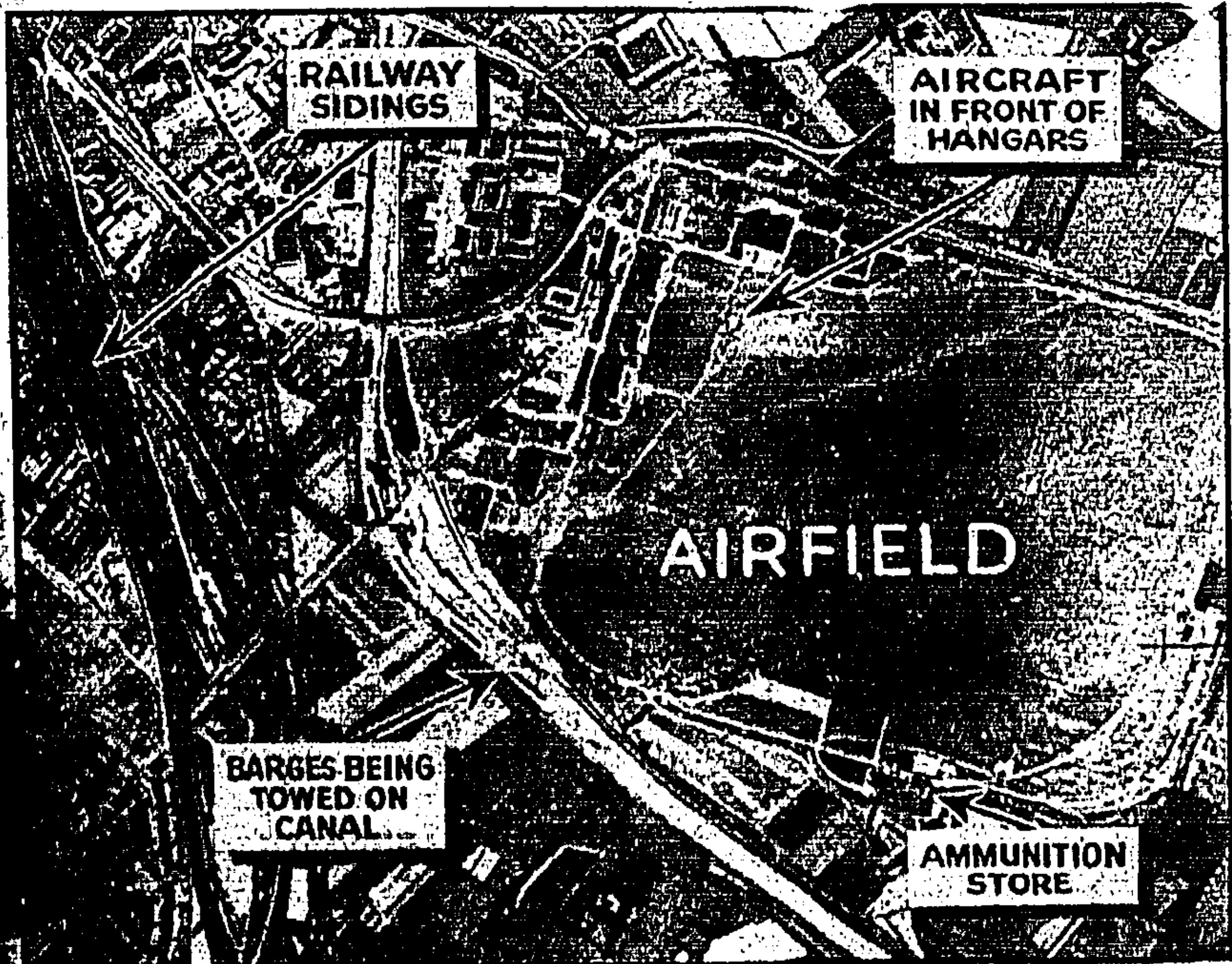
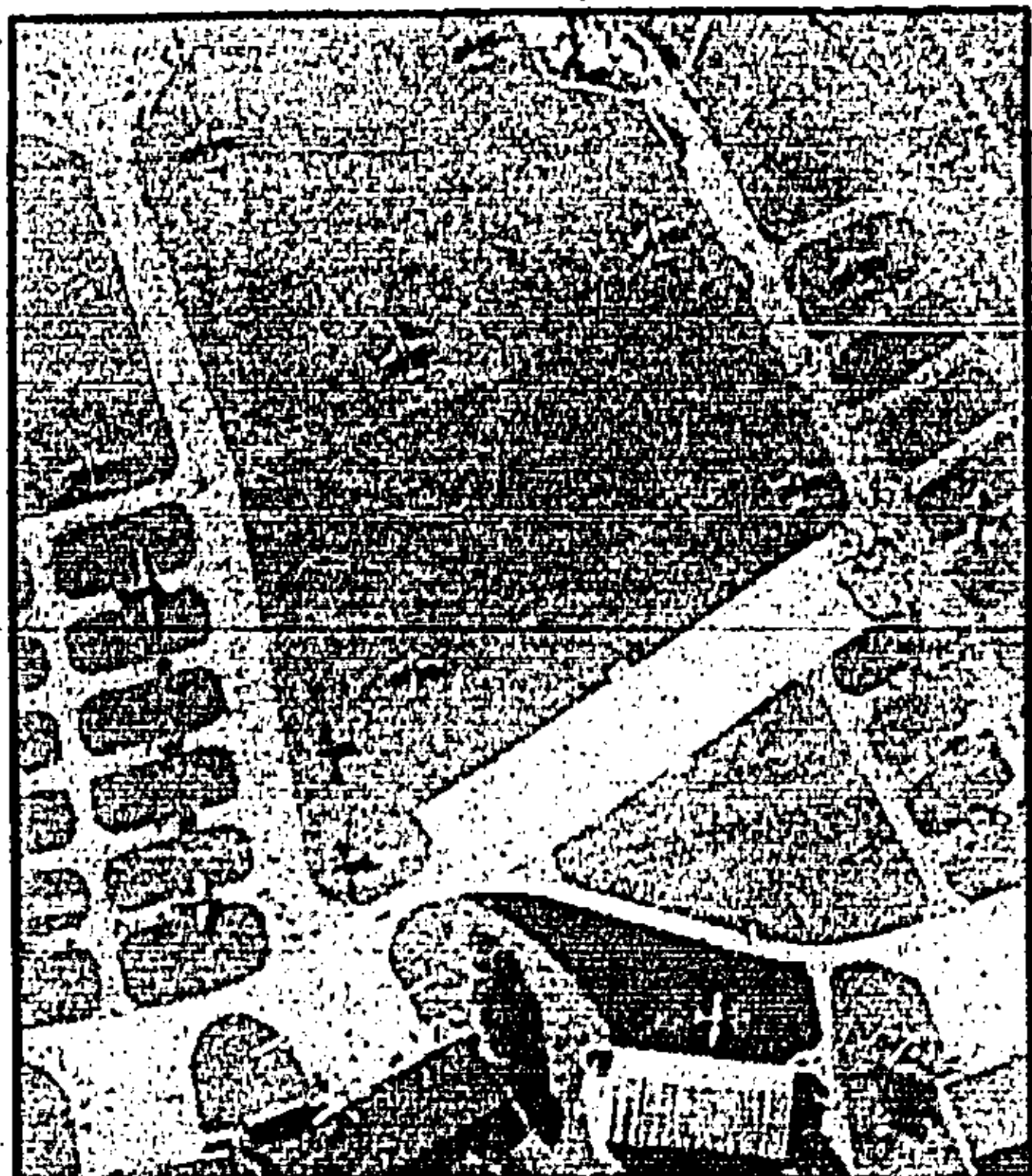


THE SECRETS OF WILHELMSHAVEN

SECRETS OF WILHELMSHAVEN, Germany's great naval base, are laid bare to the world with the release of this picture taken by the R.A.F. For months the Germans have been re-fortifying and reconstructing the base under the strictest secrecy. And all the R.A.F. has been watching, putting on record every stage of the work. Here, too, are R.A.F. pictures of Munster, important industrial town, and a German aerodrome. Nothing escapes the aerial camera's eye. Hitler's "secrets" are the Allies' property almost as soon as they come into being.



Map shows various towns in North-West Germany recently photographed by the R.A.F. Right: Langen Haagen Aerodrome, ten miles north of Hanover. The R.A.F. plane from which this picture was taken flew so low that it took the authorities by surprise, and aircraft actually be seen taking off from the ground to intercept it.



In this R.A.F. picture of Munster, an important industrial town in Westphalia, the airport is clearly seen, together with a munition dump, barges on the canal, and a big railway junction.

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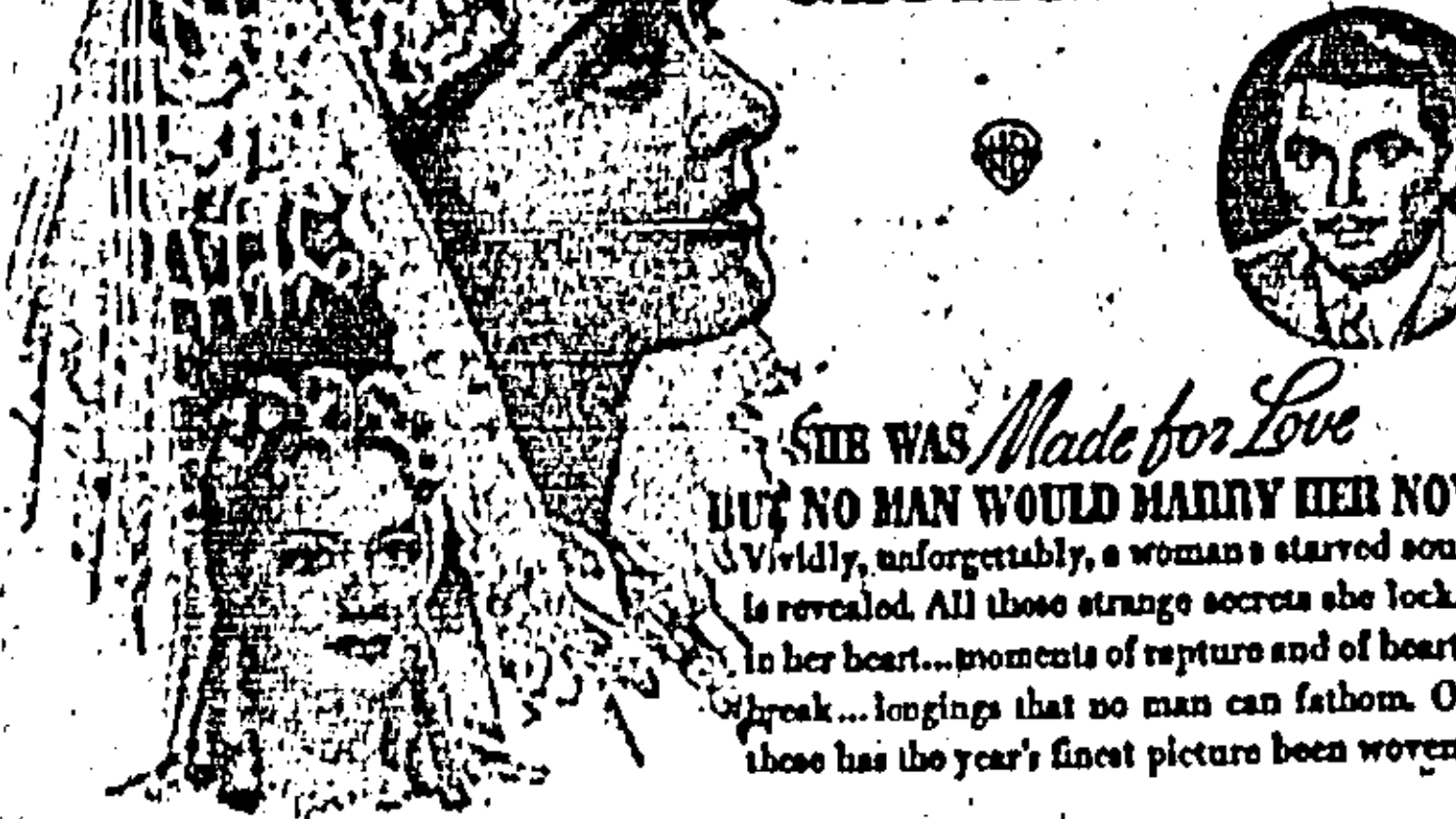
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LATE NEWS

COLONY ASSETS REACH RECORD

The statement of assets and liabilities of the Hongkong Government for 1939, published in the "Gazette" to-day, reveals that on December 31, the general revenue balance was \$17,091,170.73.

The liabilities included \$2,055,772.07 in deposits, \$1,571,007.05 for Essential Commodities "R" Account, \$9,390,502.44 Note Security Fund, \$1,622,272.19 Nickel Coinage Security Fund, and \$302,727 for special funds, which include the King George V Memorial Fund (\$158,368.50), District Watchmen's Fund (\$114,851.31), Education Scholarships Fund (\$80,220.41), Chinese Public Dispensaries Fund (\$33,100.07), and Praya East Reclamation Fund (\$127.10).

The liabilities totalled \$12,393,760.89, against which were set assets amounting to \$29,484,931.62. These included cash and fixed deposits aggregating \$6,093,306.39, Advances, pending reimbursement from the 3 per cent. Dollar Loan and the proposed new loan, \$19,619,766.71, and investments on account of note issue and nickel coinage amounting to \$9,018,774.63.

The account of outstanding loans repayable to the Colony shows that while \$122,588.23 was repaid during 1939, there is still a total of \$274,035.11 outstanding on loans which aggregate \$390,623.34.

During the year the final payment on one \$28,000 loan was paid off. The statement of accounts shows that the whole of the Colony's Sinking Fund is invested in Empire stocks. These include the British Guiana (1900) 3½%, the Commonwealth of Australia (1950/52) 3½%, Northern Rhodesia (1950/70) 5%, Sierra Leone (1954) 5%, New Zealand (1949) 5%, Kenya (1950) 4½%, India (1948/53) 4½%, and Fife (1951/61) 4½%. The cost price of these total £76,030-0-10, and the market value at the end of the 1939 was £75,507-2-7d.

Japan Comments On U.S. Manoeuvres

TOKYO, Mar. 30 (Domei).—American naval manoeuvres in the Pacific which started on April 1 with 146 warships participating, have elicited caustic comment in the Japanese Press.

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" says, "It has been the greatest of illusions cherished by America that Japan may surrender as a result of the abrogation of the 1911 treaty of Commerce and Navigation. Again she has been seriously mistaken when she thought Japan would give in to the veiled threat uttered by the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, who is now in the United States. Now she is trying to add another glaring example to her list of errors by staging the Pacific manoeuvres."

The Asahi Shimbun observes that American moves to check the construction of a new order in East Asia include the \$20,000,000 loan offered to the Chiang Kai-shek regime some time ago and the naval manoeuvres in the Pacific.

"In the face of such a challenging attitude now manifested by the United States, Japan will resolutely carry on her scheme to accomplish the historic undertaking of the East Asia new order construction."

"In this connection the Japanese nation may well repose implicit confidence in the assurances given by Navy Minister Admiral Yoshida in the Diet that the Imperial Navy is prepared to cope with any developments occasioned by America's naval expansion."

"In time America will learn how unwise and ill-considered she has been to stage such unprecedentedly large scale naval manoeuvres in the Pacific," the Asahi concludes.

Turkish Determination

Istanbul, Mar. 29.

Even though she may be forced to go to war for an indirect reason, Turkey is determined to live up to her engagements. With the reports of attempted Italo-German-Soviet understanding receiving much attention here following the Bremer meeting, the Turkish Press is outspoken in expressing the determination of the country to fight for her rights, even if the reason for such action is indirectly provoked.

The authoritative paper Yenitashik cites a recent statement by M. Sukru Saracoglu, Minister for Foreign Affairs, in which he is stated to have said:—"Any action against any Balkan State in whatever form or part by whatever great Power constitutes an enterprise concerning Turkey. She will not tolerate any great Power to instal herself in the peninsula. Whoever undertakes such action will find Turkey before her."—United Press.

WARSHIP HALTED SELENGA

LONDON, Mar. 29 (UP). (Delayed by Censors).—The Russian Embassy reports that a French warship intercepted the Russian steamer Selenga when it left Hongkong waters on Thursday.

When the crew of the Selenga refused to head for French Indo-China, the Embassy states, French officers forced the recalcitrant Russians to board the warship. The Ministry of Economic Warfare confirms that the Selenga and Vladimir Mayakovsky have been handed over to the French authorities.

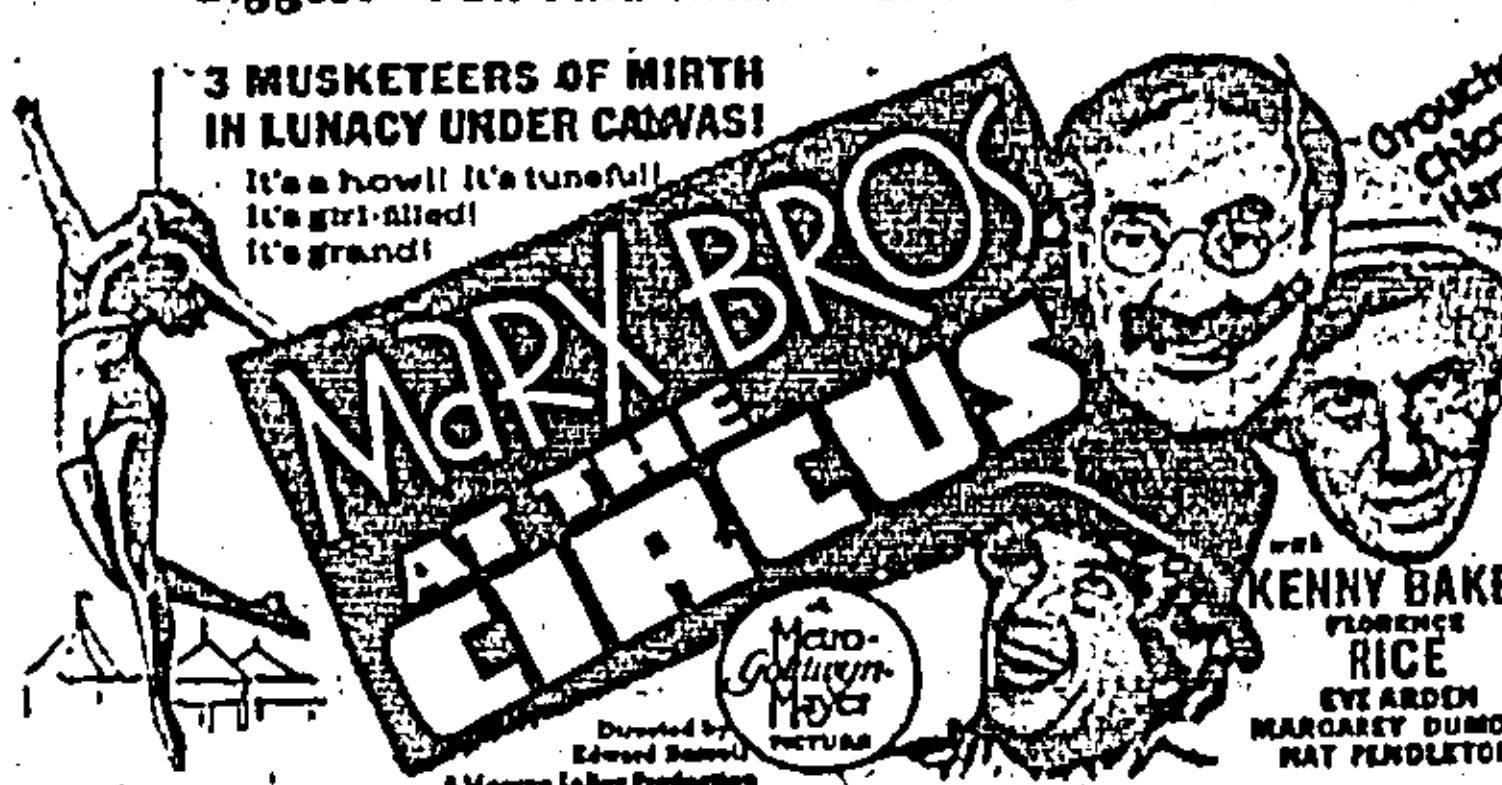
The Selenga was released by the British authorities in Hongkong on Wednesday.

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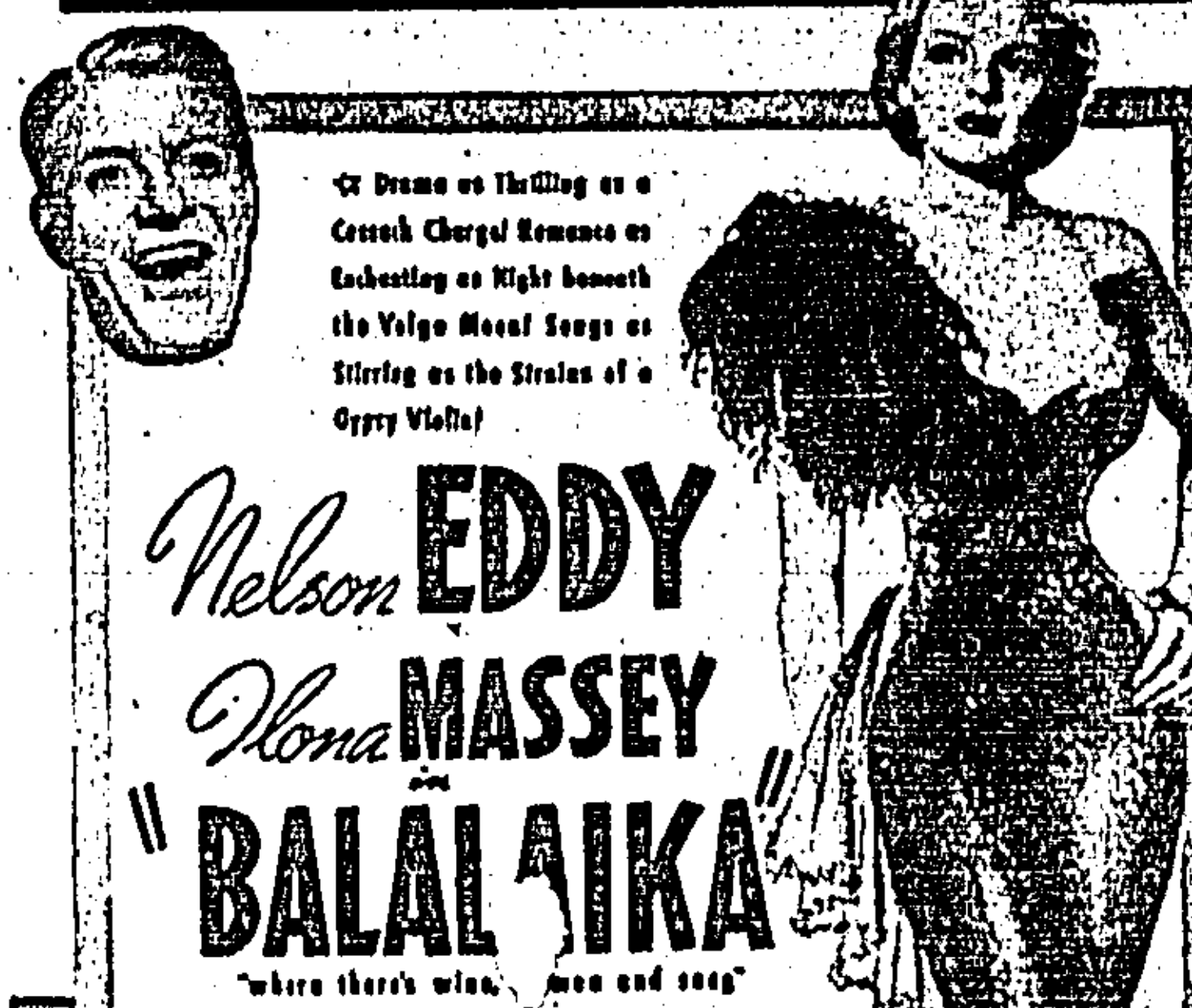
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